



TRBC Church Life Risk Assessment Governance Policy

The Trustees of TRBC conduct a regular assessment of the risks facing the Church as it seeks to fulfil its mission and vision. This policy sets out the Trustees' approach to risk management and the governance of the Church Life Risk Assessment process.

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Section A - Church Life Risk Assessment Governance Policy

1 Policy statement

- 1.1 The Christian life is by its very nature risky. Christians are called to stand out from the crowd, befriend the unlovely, challenge the world's view of morality and step out in faith. We do not hide behind conventional views of "playing safe" nor expect a comfortable existence alongside secular society. However, God asks us to be wise in the way we use our resources and not to conduct our lives in a foolish manner. We seek to be an example of best practice and caring towards others.
- 1.2 The Trustees believe it is prudent, both from a point of view of our Christian responsibility and in compliance with Charity Law, to spend time understanding the risks the Church is likely to encounter. Whilst recognising and respecting the importance of the Church Members' Meeting, TRBC's Charity Trustees are ultimately responsible for the management of TRBC as a charity. The Church Life Risk Assessment process supports the Trustees in identifying and managing the risks faced by the Church. It is carried out by the Trustee responsible for health and safety and the Health and Safety Officer but covers all the risks faced by the Church, not just health and safety considerations.
- 1.3 The Church Life Risk Assessment is based on the template published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its Guidance Leaflet C21 (<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111314>). The template has been developed to include all the risks identified by the TRBC Charity Trustees. It includes consideration of risks under the following headings:
 - a) Ministerial and leadership
 - b) Staff and volunteers
 - c) Children and young people
 - d) Volunteers (for risks not covered under Staff and volunteers)
 - e) Records and personnel
 - f) Third party use of Church premises
 - g) Financial matters
 - h) Church premises
 - i) Disability discrimination
 - j) Information technology
 - k) Legal and compliance
- 1.4 A full review of the Church Life Risk Assessment is carried out at least every four years by the Trustee responsible for health and safety and the Health and Safety Officer. The results of the review are reported to and reviewed by the Trustees. Intermediate reviews of the Church Life Risk Assessment are conducted by the Trustees at least annually and more frequently in light of any significant developments in the Church's perceived risk profile or the occurrence of material risk events.
- 1.5 The four yearly review of the Church Life Risk Assessment will include consideration of any new risks and of whether the existing risk descriptions continue to be appropriate for the Church's circumstances.

Section B - Version control

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v0.1	First draft of CLRA Governance policy	14/11/2025	
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