



Dangerous Objects Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S_Doc_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy controls dangerous objects at church.

A 'Dangerous Object' means an article, object or instrument which is intended or may be used to cause bodily harm to a person, or to render a person temporarily paralyzed or unconscious, or to cause damage to property, as well as anything dangerous to the wellbeing of the congregation or visitors.

Dangerous objects are not allowed in church and must be removed.

Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Procedure

The PCC should be vigilant concerning dangerous objects. Some dangerous objects are overtly dangerous while others may be less obvious to identify. Dangerous objects are not allowed in church and must be removed unless their use can be justified but then must be kept secure.

Dangerous objects/situations include.

- 1) Bombs.
- 2) Guns.
- 3) Knives (pointed end or extremely sharp).
- 4) Other weapons
- 5) Incendiary devices.
- 6) Sharp tools.
- 7) Illegal Drugs / Alcohol.
- 8) Dangerous animals.
- 9) Electrical equipment near water.
- 10) Extreme political or ideological material.

At least annually there will be an area risk assessment in all areas of the church. One question on that assessment concerns dangerous objects. At any other time, dangerous objects may be seen. Dangerous objects are not allowed in church and must be removed unless their use can be justified but then must be kept secure.

Possession of some dangerous objects is illegal, and the authorities will be contacted if required by law.

Some situations may require evacuation of the church. Some situations nearby outside the church (in the churchyard for example) may require invacuation. Invacuation is locking all people in the church until it's safe to open the doors.

Note: Do not put yourself, or others, at risk concerning dangerous objects. If required contact the emergency services.

Forms

None

Diagrams

None

Appendices

None

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