

ACE Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding means working together to stop abuse and prevent it happening in the future. We believe that everyone has the right to live a life that is free from abuse and neglect.

If anything is disclosed to us of a safeguarding nature an officer of the steering group will respond as a matter of urgency:

- If someone is in danger and immediate action is required, we will ensure that the **Police** are called on 999.
- As ACE is a local Friends of the Earth (FoE) group, this will also be reported within 24 hours to the to the Safeguarding Team at Friends of the Earth: safeguarding@foe.co.uk who will advise next steps. This could include contacting our local authority - the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board via the **North Yorkshire County Council Customer Services Centre** on 0300 131 2 131. (All hours).

Further guidance and resources:

Guidance on reporting safeguarding concerns in a charity

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-reporting-safeguarding-concerns-in-a-charity/guidance-on-reporting-safeguarding-concerns-in-a-charity-need-help-reporting-a-safeguarding-concern-about-someone-in-your-organisation>

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board

<https://safeguardingadults.co.uk/>

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