

BFPC Youth and Children Work Specific Risk Assessment

The risks of harm coming to any of the children in our care during normal operation of the groups has been identified in three areas as far as each group is concerned: "personnel", "venue" and "travelling".

- Personnel risks are minimised by performing CRB checks on all adult volunteers and abiding by the church/diocesan child protection policy as far as is reasonably possible. At Incredibles, there is one exception to this, whereby one leader normally goes to the meeting venue early to set up as necessary and supervise any children delivered straight to the venue, and one walks from church to the venue with any children delivered to church. Thus any children at the venue (including the two who live there) are potentially under the charge of one adult only for 15 minutes, and any walking from church are in the charge of one adult only for 5 - 10 mins. This is considered an acceptable level of risk.
- As regards "venue" risks, the venue for Thirst and Incredibles' are normal family homes and meetings are normally held in a family sitting room and/or a children's play room. The equipment, furnishings and fixtures of these rooms are appropriate for children of the age in the group. Risk is similar to the risk any of the children experience daily in their own home, and is therefore deemed to be acceptable.
- There is a potential risk in travelling from the church building to the meeting venue and vice versa. This is mitigated for Incredibles by a leader walking with those children who wish to do so from church to the venue at the start of the meeting, and two or three leaders walking back with the children. Parents are requested to notify the leaders in writing if a child has permission to go elsewhere after the meeting. The children in this group are of such an age that they could in any case be expected to walk through town unsupervised, and in some cases having the supervision of younger siblings. The level of risk is small, and acceptable.