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This policy is designed to protect children and other persons within The Salvation Army against sexual offences.

It also provides for sex offenders to attend corps within strict guidelines and lays out the conditions under which offenders may or may not become members of The Salvation Army.

The policy seeks to reflect the values of the Kingdom of God – compassion and forgiveness, but also justice and love for the young and vulnerable.

Definitions***Sex offender***

A sex offender is someone who commits sexual offences against children, young people or adults. For the purposes of this minute, it includes persons *convicted* of sexual offences and persons believed to be sexual offenders *based on the balance of probabilities*.

Sexual offences against children

These include physical acts, inappropriate touching, conversation or other communication, grooming for sexual purposes, filming and photographing for sexual purposes, accessing indecent images of children by any means.

Sexual offences against adults

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These include rape; indecent assault; touching, 'groping' or kissing without consent; lewd or suggestive sexual communication without consent; stalking.