

# Safeguarding & Protection Commitment

"Every Child deserves to be seen, protected, and uplifted."

Prepared by Cross & Crown Ministries

Creating safe spaces where children and youth thrive.

#### Our Heart for Safeguarding

At Cross & Crown Ministries, safeguarding is not just a policy—it's a spiritual responsibility. We are committed to creating safe, nurturing spaces where every child is protected emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

We believe that discipleship and mentorship must be rooted in trust, dignity, and clarity. Every adult who walks with a young person must model Christ-like care and uphold the highest standards of safety.

#### ■ Biblical Foundation

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy." – Proverbs 31:8–9

"Let the little children come to Me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19:14

### ■ What Safeguarding Means to Us

- Protecting children from harm, abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Creating emotionally safe environments where girls feel seen and heard
- Ensuring mentors and coaches are trained, vetted, and spiritually aligned
- Responding to concerns with clarity, compassion, and accountability
- Upholding confidentiality while prioritizing safety

### ■ Safeguarding Practices

- Complete a background check and safeguarding training
- Sign our Safeguarding Covenant and Mentorship Agreement
- · Report any concerns immediately to the Safeguarding Lead
- Maintain appropriate boundaries in communication and physical contact
- Avoid one-on-one unsupervised meetings unless pre-approved and documented
- Use ministry-approved platforms for digital communication with youth

## ■ Reporting & Support

If you witness or suspect any safeguarding concern, please contact:

**Safeguarding Lead:** [Insert Name & Role] **Email:** safeguarding@crossandcrown.org

Phone: [Insert Number]

Confidential Reporting Form: [Insert Link]

All reports are handled with discretion, urgency, and care. We prioritize the safety and dignity of every child above all else.

# Safeguarding Covenant

"I commit to protecting every child entrusted to me. I will uphold the values of Cross & Crown Ministries, walk in spiritual integrity, and respond to concerns with clarity and compassion."

Name:	
Role:	
Signature:	
Date:	

