

# Stay Safe at Work

Nobody should be expected to suffer violence, verbal abuse, bullying or harassment whilst at work. It is important that all instances are reported to your employer in the appropriate way.

Some members have reported feeling anxious and threatened given the political atmosphere in the country.

Latest data shared with UNISON from the Council shows an increase in reported violence and aggression incidents.

If you feel your employer is not doing enough to keep you safe at work, then get in touch with your branch, using the contact numbers on the front page of the website.

Don't suffer in silence. Any abuse or intimidation is not acceptable.

Check our website for documents/guides [Dealing with violence and threats at work – Sandwell General UNISON Branch](#)

## Resisting the Rise in Racism

- Are you anxious about being safe whilst undertaking your duties at work?
- Are you alarmed at the recent racially motivated assaults locally?
- Are you concerned about next years' Council elections, where all of Sandwell's Councillors are up for election?

Then attend a Joint Union meeting on  
**Resisting the Rise in Racism**  
**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 12:30pm**  
**Sandwell Council Chambers**  
**Sandwell Council House**

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# Stars in our Schools 2025 Winners

Julie Baker and Janice Bailey from Rounds Green Primary School are stars winners. Pictured below with the Mayor, they were nominated because *'they started work within weeks of each other in 1987 and have dedicated their career to Rounds Green. They support the children, staff and each other and go out of their way to go over and above to help anyone in need. Their positive friendly supportive attitude really makes a difference in school.'*

The star team are the Westies Team from Westminster School, who are also pictured below. The team was nominated because they are always available to support both pupils and staff when called upon'. The whole team have a positive and calming attitude. Congratulations to all.



## Champions in Local Government

UNISON celebrates a team or individual each year for their outstanding service within local government.

Do you know of an individual or a team that goes above and beyond in what service they provide? Do you know somebody/some team that deserves extra recognition for the great work that they do?

Why not nominate them to be Sandwell UNISON's Champions? See [Local Service Champions 2026 – Sandwell General UNISON Branch](#) for nomination details. Nominations need to be received by 20 January.