

Safeguarding Adults Week 2020

7-minute briefings

Background

Safeguarding adults is a responsibility for every sport and physical activity organisation. Getting this right will ensure a wider participation in sport or physical activity and ensure safe access for everyone.

Why it matters

Sport and activity organisations are likely to have regular contact with the public, which means they have a crucial role to play in identifying and reporting when vulnerable adults may be at risk of harm. Organisations must also meet their duty of care by actively preventing abuse from occurring in their organisation and responding appropriately if it does occur.

What to do

Sport and activity organisations should have a Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedure in place to respond to safeguarding concerns effectively. People visiting the organisation's premises or using their services will be safeguarded and the organisation will also be able to respond to signs that abuse could be occurring outside of the organisation.

A [template policy](#) for sports clubs/ organisations is available from the Ann Craft Trust.

Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity is a project funded by Sport England to develop best practice in safeguarding adults at risk. For more information, visit the [Ann Craft Trust website](#).



Information

There is a host of information and resources relating to safeguarding adults specifically for sports and activity organisations on the Ann Craft Trust website – see the box below for links and summary information.

[Safeguarding Adults – The Essential Guide for Sport and Activity](#) gives an overview of the responsibilities of sports organisations in relation to safeguarding adults. It explains legislation and guidance and how it links to sport and activity settings.

[Safeguarding Adults in Sport Resource Pack](#) will assist sports organisations to achieve best practice in safeguarding through an understanding of how legislation applies to adults in sport and activity.

[Safeguarding Adults in Sport Framework](#) is an online tool supports all sports organisations to implement best practice in safeguarding adults. It contains six themes each with several criteria that require organisations to submit evidence indicating where and how they meet them and an action plan is developed. The evidence and action plan is reviewed by an assessor who will provide written feedback.

Training: The Ann Craft Trust also offers a range of safeguarding training courses to sports clubs and organisations. Visit their [Events](#) webpage to find out more.

Local courses and safeguarding workshops are also available for Halton sports clubs – contact sports.development@halton.gov.uk for more info.