



South Worcester Lifesaving & Lifeguard Club

Safeguarding Policy Statement

- **Purpose and Scope**

South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club is committed to ensuring that children and vulnerable adults who participate in its activities; including club pool nights, lifesaving, lifeguarding, community activities, patrols, competitions and any other events, have a safe, positive and enjoyable experience. All groups of people whatever their age, gender, language, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and culture have the right to protection from abuse and to be treated fairly. Everyone involved with a child or young person who may be at risk is uniquely placed to recognise and respond to abuse and poor practice

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Protect children/young people and vulnerable adults.
- Provide Club members responsible for and working with young people and vulnerable adult's, clear guidance on our commitment and approach to managing safeguarding.
- To protect children and young people who receive South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club services from harm. This includes the children of adults who use our services
- To provide club members and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.
- This policy applies to anyone undertaking activities on behalf of South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club, including the trustees, committee members, teachers, volunteers and members

- **Legal Responsibilities:**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from nspcc.org.uk/childprotection.

South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club aligns itself with two National Governing Bodies:

- Surf Lifesaving Great Britain (SLSGB)
- Royal Lifesaving Society (RLSS)

This policy statement should be read alongside the organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other supporting documents provided by both national governing bodies. These can be accessed via the links on our website

- **South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club Commitments**

The Club confirms that it will use its best endeavours to adhere to the Safeguarding Guidance provided by SLSGB and RLSS

The Club will appoint and maintain two Club Safeguarding Officers (CSO).

The Club will inform SLSGB & RLSS who they are and update this information when there are changes. Safeguarding Officers must also be members of SLSGB & RLSS and will hold a valid DBS certificate.

The CSO will be responsible for ensuring policy and procedures are explained, publicised, followed and adhered to within the Club.

The CSO will ensure that there are procedures in place within the Club so that the CSO must be informed of all safeguarding concerns to ensure appropriate action is taken.

The CSO should establish and maintain regular contact with the SLSGB and RLSS Safeguarding Officers and should keep themselves updated with new safeguarding developments provided by both Governing bodies.

The Club undertakes and confirms it will ensure that:

The CSO are SLSGB and RLSS trained and when required updated by both governing bodies, to ensure that all Club safeguarding activities are carried out in compliance with the latest guidance, to protect children/young people and vulnerable adults.

All Club members holding SLSGB & RLSS Awards that include Safeguarding Awareness training have current and valid safeguarding training.

All Club Members are aware of and have access to the Safeguarding Awareness Training

- **Incident Reporting**

Incidents and concerns should be reported to the Club Safeguarding Officers immediately. If neither CSO is on-site, the incident should be reported to the senior coach or club representative present, who will notify the CSO by telephone or email. If the subject has confided in a person whom they trust (coach or friend) the CSO should also be contacted without delay.

Once an incident has been reported, the Club Safeguarding Officers will notify the Club Chair; the report assessed, and action taken to protect the person involved. An investigation will be initiated and reported in line with RLSS and SLSGB Safeguarding Policies and Guidelines.

If any person is at immediate risk of harm, or requires medical attention, the emergency services should be contacted immediately by telephoning 999.

- **Contact Details**

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