



**English Federation
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Safeguarding policy statement



English Federation of Disability (EFDS) Sport Safeguarding Statement

One of EFDS's priorities is to ensure that the delivery of the increasing number of participation opportunities are delivered in a safe, enjoyable and protective manner. The aim is to ensure we all promote the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk and their rights to be protected from harm.

As part of that commitment, EFDS has developed a comprehensive safeguarding children and young people policy, safeguarding adults at risk policy, procedures and welfare documents. These support all of our staff, managers, volunteers, partners and officials to know what is expected of them in terms of their behaviour. Also, what they should do if they have a safeguarding concern and how any concerns will be managed in line with government expectations, the Law, Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) requirements.

Any sporting activity or activity promoted, endorsed or run by the EFDS must comply with these policies and procedures and have a safeguarding welfare plan. (Copies of this can be downloaded from the EFDS websites www.efds.co.uk/resources)

Safeguarding in all EFDS activities must maintain three key elements:

- The creation of a culture/environment in which children, young people and adults at risk are valued and their right to be safe is upheld
- The management of risk to minimise circumstances where children, young people and adults at risk are involved in activities may suffer harm
- Work together with other organisations that have a responsibility for safeguarding and the protection of children, young people and adults at risk

The EFDS Safeguarding policy is based on the following principles:

- The welfare of disabled children, young people and adults at risk is paramount
- All disabled people, whatever their age, ability, culture, gender, language, race, ethnicity, religious belief, nationality, social/economic status and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- All disabled people have the right to participate in sporting activities in an enjoyable and safe environment that takes account of their individual support, physical and or social development needs
- All incidents of suspected/alleged poor practice or abuse should be taken seriously, be responded to swiftly and appropriately, and in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) multi-agency policy and procedures
- Confidentiality will be upheld in line with Data Protection and Human Rights legislation, but not at the expense of safeguarding disabled children and adults who may be at risk.

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