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# Safeguarding Policy Statement

September, 2021

OverExposure Sports Ltd (the “Centre”, “we”, “us”) acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring our safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with current good practice, British Mountaineering Council and Association of British Climbing Walls requirements.

We recognise that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children

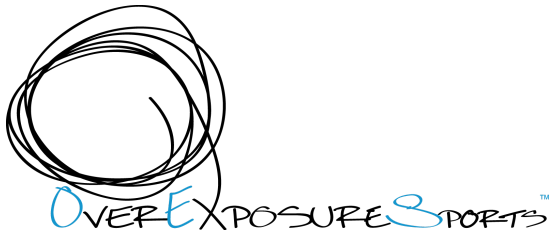
- have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport at The Project Climbing Centre in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in sport or outside of the activity.

We acknowledge that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

We will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved with the operation of our Centre. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.



## Important Contacts

Children's Social Care Team - Poole Council - 01202 735046 - 01202 657279 (Out of Hours)

Designated Safeguarding Officer - Richard Smith, [safety@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk](mailto:safety@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk)

Deputy Safeguarding Officer - Kirsten Bergant, [admin@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk](mailto:admin@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk)

Board Member with Special Responsibility for Safeguarding - Freddie Naish, [freddie@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk](mailto:freddie@theprojectclimbingcentre.co.uk)

Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) - <https://pdscp.co.uk/>

Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) - <https://www.bcpsafeguardingadultsboard.com/>

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

Childline 0800 1111

NAPAC Support line 0808 801 0331

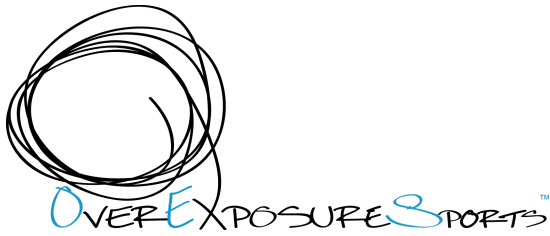
## Legal Framework

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 is available from [nspcc.org.uk/learning](https://nspcc.org.uk/learning)

## Supporting documents

This policy statement is supported by our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents including;

- Role description for the designated safeguarding officer
- Dealing with disclosures and concerns about a child or young person
- Managing allegations against staff and volunteers
- Recording concerns and information sharing
- Child protection records retention and storage
- Code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Behaviour codes for children and young people
- Photography and sharing images guidance
- Safer recruitment
- Online safety



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- Anti-bullying
  - Managing complaints
  - Whistleblowing
  - Health and safety
  - Induction, training, supervision and support
  - Adult to child supervision ratios

### Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed at least annually, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils and Association of British Climbing Walls Guidelines
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about this statement by contacting us at the channels below. Please ask for / mark messages for the attention of the Designated Safeguarding Officer.

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