

CHILD SAFETY & WELL-BEING IN THE COMMUNITY

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility this includes the actions we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.

Do you have concerns about a child? Don't wait for someone else to do something about it:

- **See it!**
- **Hear it!**
- **Report it!**

Child Safety and well-being in organisations

All organisations that work with or come into contact with children must have safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that every child, regardless of their age, gender, religion ethnicity, disability, sexuality, or sexual orientation can be protected from harm.

Setting up and following good safeguarding policies and procedures means children are safe from adults and other children who might pose a risk.

This includes voluntary and community organisations, faith groups, private sector providers, as well as schools, hospitals and sports clubs.

Do your children attend clubs? Do you employ personal tutors? Do you work or volunteer for a club?

You may want to consider the following:

- Does the club have a safeguarding policy?
- Are staff trained in safeguarding?
- Is there always more than one adult on site during the club/tuition?
- Are DBS checks (a Police check to check eligibility for working with children) conducted within the organisation?

Safeguarding Tips

1. All organisations working with children should have safeguarding policies and a lead safeguarding person
2. Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined.
3. All know how and where to record all safeguarding concerns.
4. Regular safeguarding training in accordance with professional guidance.
5. Voice of the child is heard and acted upon.
6. Child Welfare: Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family.
7. Think the Unthinkable; do not leave it to others to take action.

Important contacts

- **Single Point of Access** – 020 8547 5008 (out of Hours 020 8770 5000)
- **Emergency Services** – 999
- **NSPCC** – 0808 800 5000
- **ChildLine** – 0800 1111
- **Kingston & Richmond Local Safeguarding Children Board** – 07834 386459

