



Adventure Playgrounds Safeguarding Policy Statement

Safeguarding is defined as protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health or development, ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes. (Working Together to Safeguard Children, DfE, 2018 Pg.6).

The playground child protection policy statement forms part of a suite of documents and policies which relate to the safeguarding responsibilities of the playground, in particular:

Behaviour policy
E-Safety
Safeguarding Policy & Procedures
Code of conduct
Bullying Policy

We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk, protecting them from abuse. We will endeavour to keep children, young people and adults at risk safe from abuse and suspicion of abuse, reports will be responded to promptly and appropriately. We will act in the best interest of the child, young person or adult at risk and we will proactively seek to promote the welfare and the protection of all children, young people and adults at risk living in the community at all times.

We will ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children, young people and adults at risk through its Safe Recruitment procedures including carrying out enhanced DBS checks and will take any concern reported by a Member, employee, volunteer, grant funded or contracted service provider or child/adult at risk seriously and deal with it sensitively. Once a staff member is appointed individuals are regularly reviewed to ensure they meet the required standards and given appropriate training.

Referrals made by a Member, employee, and volunteer, grant funded or contracted service provider or child/adult at risk, cannot be anonymous and should be made in the knowledge that, during the course of enquiries, the agency and individuals who made that referral will be made known. This is because individuals may be required to give evidence and on occasion be required as a prosecution witness.

We will not tolerate harassment of any Member, employee, volunteer, grant funded or contracted service provider or child/adult at risk who raises concerns of abuse, and it will be addressed through the most appropriate course of action or under the most appropriate policy.

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