



Abbey Gymnastics Child Protection & Safeguarding Statement



Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and British Gymnastics requirements.

The policy recognises 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 Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. in a safe and child centred environment.
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in gymnastics or outside of the activity.

Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. acknowledges 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.

As part of our safeguarding policy Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. 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 in Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis in order to acknowledge and understand changes in the following circumstances and to further develop our duty of care to our members:

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

Our Club Welfare Officer, Michele Cowan is responsible that the safeguarding policy is implemented and can be contacted on 07437971549 or email welfare@abbeygymnastics.com.