



Cherry Park Driving Group Safeguarding Policy

Abuse is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights; it can take many forms. The staff and volunteers in Cherry Park Driving Group (The Group) are committed to practices which promote the welfare of Adults at Risk and safeguard them from harm using for guidance the safeguarding policies of the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) to whom the group is affiliated.

The Group will endeavour to safeguard Adults and Children at Risk by:

- Implementing clear procedures for raising awareness of, and responding to, abuse within The Group and for reporting concerns to statutory agencies that need to know, while involving carers, Adults and Children at Risk appropriately;
- Implementing general safety and risk management procedures and ensuring they are adhered to;
- Ensuring all trustees, employees and volunteers report any concerns with regards to the protection of Adults and Children at Risk;
- Implementing a code of behaviour for all involved with the group;
- Ensuring and maintaining appropriate training for Safeguarding Officers and other relevant staff or volunteers.
- The Group has a safe recruitment process in place including volunteer application forms, the collection of two references and disclosure checks at the appropriate level on an on-going basis for those who require them.
- The Group's Safeguarding Officers and Coaches attend a recognised face to face safeguarding workshop with refresher training taken every 3 years.
- The Group endeavours to follow the RDA Code of Conduct at all times.

Cherry Park Driving Group is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children, young people and adults at risk. All children, young people and adults at risk have a right to be safe and protected from harm.

Cherry Park Driving Group's designated Safeguarding Officer is currently:
Lesley Hurd

The RDA Safeguarding policies can be viewed at:
<https://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/policies/>

This policy is reviewed annually by the committee and trustees. The paper master is signed and held by the Chairman.

Last reviewed: 22nd October 2021

Internet Safety Policy Statement

A separately registered Member Group (reg. Charity No. 1073753)
of Riding for the Disabled Association. Co Limited by Guarantee No. 5010395 Registered Charity No. 244108



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Safeguarding Policy

- The Group recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk, by protecting them from all forms of abuse which can occur through the use of electronic communications.
- The Group is committed to meeting this obligation by affording the highest level of care for children, young people and adults at risk through its safeguarding procedures.
- This policy applies to anyone within The Group, whether those persons be in a paid or volunteer capacity, or as part of a competing team or volunteer/supporting group. This also includes trustees, members of the committee/board and designated medical and veterinary staff.
- The Group accepts that the use of the internet, electronic communications and social media is an intrinsic part of everyday life and can present challenges in terms of how it is used responsibly. The Group recognises that through misuse, all forms of electronic communications can be actually or potentially harmful to others.

OBJECTIVES

The Group has a responsibility to ensure that its activities are free from abuse and to ensure that it has put into place adequate measures to safeguard all involved from harm. This includes highlighting poor practice.

This Policy sets the following objectives:

- To ensure The Group implements a code of conduct for all forms of electronic communications that is applicable to all involved with the organisation.
- To ensure that all paid staff, committee members, trustees, volunteers, competitors and supporters of the Group are aware of their duty and of the process to report any incident of alleged abuse or poor practice relating to electronic communications.
- To monitor its website and Social Media platforms for which it is responsible and remove or prevent comment appearing that it considers inappropriate.
- The Group is not responsible for websites or social media platforms not under its control but if inaccuracies or inappropriate comment comes to its attention through the media, social media or via the internet, it will seek to challenge such comment and, where possible, have it removed.

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