

The FA Charter Standard

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY AND PROCEDURES: EXPLANATION



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Safeguarding Children is high on The FA's agenda. Ensuring everyone has the chance to enjoy football in a supportive and child centred environment is key. For Charter Standard Clubs of course it's a must.

The FA believes football can have a powerful positive influence on children and young people. But that means everyone involved in football must take on the responsibility of looking after those children who want to play the game. To date 265,000 people have received their certificates after attending The FA's Safeguarding Children workshops. These are organised via County FAs on a regular basis. The FA also has an Online Safeguarding Children Recertification course so if your members did the Safeguarding Workshop three years ago or more then please encourage them to update online. It's important everyone is up to date to ensure effective safeguards are in place.

Safeguarding Children is about doing things the right way; doing things properly. It's about allowing children to enjoy the game without abuse of any kind. That means bullying, physical, emotional or sexual abuse and neglect. Every week, The FA's website carries updates on Safeguarding Children issues relevant to the game. The site also contains The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, as well as guidelines and advice. These can be downloaded free of charge.

So whether its guidance on appropriate use of social media such as facebook, organising a trip away or ensuring you have an anti-bullying policy in place then check out the guidance available via the website and simply click on the relevant downloads - it's that simple. The site also carries a link to the NSPCC, with details of The NSPCC Child Protection Helpline. This is a free service offering Safeguarding Children advice and information for anyone in football.

The FA has also made available posters and information cards to raise awareness about Safeguarding Children. A link to The Media Group enables clubs to order these free of charge enabling clubs to support The FA's drive for higher standards in Safeguarding Children.

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