

Safeguarding Guidance for U18 REFEREES



Berks & Bucks FA wants to ensure that you are aware of the support you can access should you have any concerns over your safety and welfare, or witness anything that gives you a cause for concern, while carrying out your refereeing duties. Please read the information below in full and keep the information and contact details safe in case you need them.

It is important to remember that the vast majority of football is played in safe and friendly environments where everyone can enjoy taking part. However, we appreciate that there may be occasions when you would like additional help and support.

Concerned About Something

Tell an adult you trust if you are concerned about something you have seen or heard, if something doesn't feel right, or if you are worried about comments someone has made to, or about you, via text or social media.

It's really important that if you are concerned about your own safety, or the safety of another child or young person, that you let the Designated Safeguarding Officer know as soon as possible to ensure we can support you.

In the unlikely event you feel threatened whilst refereeing; your own safety must be your priority. Find a supportive adult and ensure you can leave the venue safely. Avoid doing or saying anything that might make things worse.

At the first opportunity please report these events to our Disciplinary and Designated Safeguarding Officer department. Our Referee Development Officer will contact you when they have been informed about the incident.

If you or someone else is in immediate risk of harm, then this should be reported to the police via 101 or 999 phone numbers. You can also contact Childline for advice and support on telephone 0800 11 11 or go online to www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

Disciplinary Matters

It's really important that all match day disciplinary matters are reported to the FA as soon as possible. In most cases this is a simple and speedy process that can be completed online. However, should you need assistance in compiling a report contact the Berks & Bucks FA Referee Development Officer at: referees@berks-bucksfa.com.

Get in Touch

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