



Exmoor Canoe Club – Since 2004.

ECC Safeguarding Policy – 2018

Exmoor Canoe Club has a duty to provide children and vulnerable adults with appropriate safety and protection. As the welfare of the child/vulnerable adult is paramount, we are committed to providing safe equipment and facilities so that children/vulnerable adults may participate in club activities and programmes in a secure environment.

It is the responsibility of the club committee to ensure that this policy is published and accessible to all coaches/leaders/helpers, club members and any relevant third parties.

In order to provide safety, protection and security to children/vulnerable adults we will adhere to the following safeguarding statement and aim to:

- protect all children and vulnerable adults from abuse, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin, religious beliefs or sexuality
- raise awareness of child and vulnerable adult protection issues and promote good practice
- conduct risk assessments to minimise potential hazards to children's and vulnerable adults' welfare
- ensure all coaches/leaders/helpers fully understand their responsibilities and are provided with the appropriate training in line with British Canoeing guidance.

coaches/leaders/helpers, club members individuals identifying possible abuse must report the allegation to:

Safeguarding Officer Darren Sherwood

Allegations will be taken seriously and dealt with as soon as practicable, in line with British Canoeing guidance and Safeguarding Policy.

The Safeguarding Officer, with the support of the committee is responsible for conducting any investigation and demonstrating the results if the child/vulnerable abuse is suspected to be committed by a coach/leader/member. Throughout this procedure, records will be maintained and kept securely and confidentially.