



SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTING YOUNG PEOPLE GUIDANCE



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Midsomer Norton RFC recognises that everybody has a responsibility for protecting children under the age of 18. If any member, parent, guardian or spectator, has concerns about any child associated with the club, they should discuss them with Kath Adams, the club's Safeguarding Officer (details below). The Club has its own Safeguarding Policy and has adopted the Rugby Football Union's policies for Anti-bullying, Equity and Photographic policies copies of which are available.

All our coaches, committee members and parent helpers complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and follow the club's code of conducts. All volunteers are expected to follow the guidelines as set by the club's Safeguarding Policy and the Rugby Football Union's 'The Welfare of Young People in Rugby Union Guidance'. Copies of which can be downloaded from the RFU's website.

How to report an incident:

If a child tells you that someone either in or out of the rugby club environment is abusing her or him, you should:

- Listen do not prompt or add words
- Reassure the child that he/she was right to tell you
- Be Honest and explain that you will need to tell someone else in order to help and protect him/her
- Share concerns with the Club's Safeguarding Officer
- Accurately record on an incident form what the child has said to you and what action you have taken.

The Club's Safeguarding Officer can help you with this.

Kath Adams.

Email: kathadams5@gmail.com

In all cases, if you are not sure what to do, you can gain help from the NSPCC 24-hour Freephone helpline (0800 800 500) or the RFU Child Protection Line (0208 831 6655).

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