



Cheltenham Canoe Club Safeguarding Children Policy

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Cheltenham Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club. We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the Paddle UK (formerly British Canoeing) Code of Conduct for the Coaching Workforce [Code of Conduct for Coaching Workforce March 2022](#)

All Club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the [Paddle UK Safeguarding Children Policy Statement](#)

The Club will follow the guidelines of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.

- The Club will ensure that anyone who needs to have a DBS check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- The Club will ensure all coaches, leaders and helpers, who have a role in contact with children, will be provided with relevant training in the Safeguarding and Protection of children.
- All Club members are made aware of the Club's Code of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- Any paddler who coaches for the Club should be a member of Paddle UK (formerly British Canoeing) and have relevant qualifications and experience to lead sessions. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health, Safety & Environmental Policy.
- The Club will review this Safeguarding Policy annually.

If you have any concerns with respect to welfare please contact Jo Porter, the Club Welfare Officer, on email: welfare@cheltenhamcanoeclub.com
In the event that Jo Porter is unavailable then please contact the Club's Deputy Welfare Officer, Gemma Bishop.

If Jo and Gemma are both unavailable, please contact the Paddle UK Safeguarding Team
Tel: 0115 8655354 **Email:** safeguarding@paddleuk.org.uk
Or NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE Tel: **0808 800 5000**

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