

BRIDGWATER PETANQUE CLUB

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

What is Safeguarding:

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from harm. Protecting children and vulnerable adults from:

- abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring that they grow up with the provision of safe and effective care enabling them to live free from harm, abuse and neglect

The definition of a child or a vulnerable adult are:

- **Children** – up to and including the age of **17**
- **Adults** – who have need of care and support

Types of abuse to look out for:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Neglect
- Discrimination

More information about the types and signs of abuse are available on the [Somerset Domestic Abuse](#), [Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) and [Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board](#) websites.

Bridgwater Pétanque Club Policy

Bridgwater Pétanque Club (BPC) is committed to ensuring that all children, young people and adults at risk who take part in pétanque have a safe, positive and fun experience whatever their level of involvement.

Everyone who is involved in pétanque has a shared responsibility to support this by promoting the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk.

Individually and collectively, BPC are signed up to Pétanque England Safeguarding Policy* and are committed to delivering the PE Safeguarding Standards.

We recognise our individual and collective safeguarding responsibilities and accountabilities.

We commit to:

- Implementing preventative safeguarding measures and creating safe, enjoyable and inclusive pétanque settings.
- Having a clear, simple process in place for reporting concerns.
- Ensuring safeguarding concerns regarding children and adults at risk are managed appropriately and thoroughly in conjunction with Statutory Agencies and other organisations as appropriate.

This commitment is made by our Club Chair and Club Management Committee to show our commitment to delivering the Safeguarding Standards for pétanque as set out by the PE through the PE Safeguarding Policy.

Our Club Safeguarding Officer is Michael Wheatley who can be contacted on 07776302412 or email wheatleymichael6@gmail.com.

Reporting a safeguarding concern

If you or someone else have a safeguarding concern, please share it (anonymously if you wish). If someone is at imminent or immediate risk, you **must** phone the Police or Local Social Services immediately **on 0300 123 2224** – following which please contact our Club Safeguarding Officer for advice and support. You will be asked to complete an “Incident Report Form”.

*Although BPC is not affiliated to Pétanque England we recognise that they are the governing body for the sport in England and as such we will follow their guidelines in relation to the sport of pétanque.

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SAFEGUARDING INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Details of person completing this form

Name

Address

Telephone number Mobile

Email address

Details of person of concern

Child/Vulnerable Adult Name

Date of Birth or Age

Ethnic Origin

Disability

Gender M/F/Other

Parents/Guardian name/s

Have parents/Guardian been notified about this incident

If yes, please provide details of what was said/action agreed

Are you reporting your own concerns or responding to concerns raised by someone else? If responding to concerns raised by someone else, please provide details:

Name and relationship to BPC

Relationship to child/vulnerable adult

Telephone Mobile

Email address

Do you wish to remain anonymous

Details of the incident

Date and time of incident

Details of the incident/concern (Provide as much information as possible about the incident including details of any witnesses present. Continue on an additional sheet of paper if necessary)

Has the incident/concern been reported to any external agencies? If so, please provide details:

Agency contacted

Date of contact

Name of contact and position

Their contact details

Address

Phone number Mobile

Email

What action was agreed or what advice was given (Continue on an additional piece of paper if necessary)

Your signature Print name

Date

Completed form to be returned to BPC Safeguarding Officer

Next review date April 2027