

Safeguarding & Protecting Children & Vulnerable Adults



Child Protection & Harassment Policy

Herts 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 BCU Code of Ethics
- All club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the BCU Child Protection and Harassment Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of this policy
- The Club will ensure that anyone working with young people undertake a screening procedure including CRB checks
- All Club members will be made aware of the Club's Code of Conduct
- The Club will maintain 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 the BCU. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated
- All club coaches, helpers and officials working with young people should ensure that there at least two adults present with a child or vulnerable adult, particularly in areas such as changing rooms, accommodation on trips or when travelling
- When paddling, the club will ensure there is one coach and a second appropriate adult present with any group of young or vulnerable paddlers
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Child Protection and Harassment and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to Child Abuse or Harassment should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the Club Chairman or another committee member
- The Club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy
- The Club will review this Child Protection & Harassment Policy annually