

# Safeguarding children and young people Online Policy Statement



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## Introduction

This policy statement should be read alongside Activity Alliance policies and procedures on child protection and safeguarding. Visit the NSPCC website for more safeguarding and child protection information.

The purpose of this policy statement Activity Alliance works with children and families as part of its activities. These include: Our work in direct delivery with our national events, coproduction work through our research and insight team and our programmes work.

### The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media, or mobile devices.
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety.
- ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in Activity Alliances activities.

## Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.

Summaries of the key legislation and guidance are available on:

[online abuse](#)  
[bullying](#)  
[child protection.](#)

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.
- To protect all children, young people and adults at risk associated with activity alliance activities and those who make use of technology (such as mobile phones, tablets, games consoles/handheld devices and the internet) whilst they are in the care of activity alliance.

- To provide staff and volunteers with policy and procedures information regarding e-safety
- To ensure everyone associated with activity alliance is operating in line with our values and within the law regarding how activity alliance uses information technology.

We recognise that:

- the online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however, it can also present risks and challenges.
  - we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people, and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online.
  - we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using [name of organisation]'s network and devices.
  - working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers, and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety.
  - all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Research and resources

Find out more about:

[safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities](#)  
[safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people](#)  
[safeguarding LGBTQ+ children and young people](#)  
[safeguarding children with special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\).](#)

We will seek to keep children and young people to be safe by:

- appointing an online safety coordinator
- providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults.
- supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the internet, social media and mobile phones in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others.
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online.
- developing an online safety agreement for use with young people and their parents or carers
- developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child or young person
- reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly

- ensuring that usernames, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively.
- ensuring personal information about the adults and children who participate in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate.
- ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given.
- providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety
- examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the organisation.

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it by:

- having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse)
- providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying or cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse, and sexual exploitation
- making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders, and our organisation as a whole into account.
- reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, in order to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

[Activity Alliance Safeguarding Children and Young Person Policy](#)  
[Activity Alliance Responding to an Online Safety Concerns](#)  
[Activity Alliance Safeguarding Complaints procedure](#)  
[Activity Alliance Responding to Safeguarding Concerns about staff and volunteers.](#)  
[Activity Alliance Staff and Volunteer Code of conduct](#)  
[Activity Alliance Safeguarding Anti Bullying Policy](#)  
[Activity Alliance Photography, Filming, and Imagery Policy](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on **999** straight away.

If the concern is an allegation relating to an adult who is working /volunteering or used to work at any Activity Alliance activity, then you will still need to follow the Activity Alliance Safeguarding reporting [structure](#). You can also contact our safeguarding team:

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The NSPCC Helpline can offer advice if you are not sure what to do.

Telephone: 0808 800 5000, Text: 88858, Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk);

Online [nspcc.org.uk/report concern](https://nspcc.org.uk/report-concern)

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