

Safeguarding Policy

NEKF acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. Although the policy is expressed primarily in terms of children at risk, the principles described apply also to adults at risk, though NEKF recognises that the primary carer may be a person other than a parent or guardian, and that in some cases a statutory authority may have to be informed. It is also recognised that in the case of adults at risk, the individual concerned may have their own views about the safeguarding issue and procedure, and these will be taken into account in deciding how to respond to an incident.

NEKF will appoint a named safeguarding officer who is responsible for compliance with the policy. Any concerns about the policy or cases of non-compliance with it should be referred to the safeguarding officer in the first instance. The name of the current safeguarding officer will be found on the NEKF website www.nekf.org .

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The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of kiteflying in a safe and child-centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in kiteflying and related activities.

NEKF acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy NEKF will

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- prevent the deployment of unsuitable individuals
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- appoint a named safeguarding officer responsible for compliance with the policy.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in participation in NEKF events. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in termination of membership of NEKF.

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Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils
- as a result of any other significant relevant change or event.

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