



## CHARNWOOD ATHLETIC CLUB SAFEGUARDING Policy Statement

1. It is the policy of Charnwood Athletic Club to align with and adopt the Safeguarding and Child Protection policies and procedures of England Athletics.
2. Central to this approach are the following documents:
  - a. [Safeguarding and protecting children in athletics - Policy and Procedures document \(1st January 2013\)](#)
  - b. [Safeguarding adults in athletics - Policy and procedures \(September 2013\)](#)
  - c. [Anti-bullying policy for clubs - United Kingdom Athletics 2009](#)
3. Charnwood Athletics Club endorses the key elements of the safeguarding policy which states that:
  - a. The welfare of the child is paramount.
  - b. All children have the right to protection from abuse
  - c. All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
  - d. All individuals involved in athletics understand and accept their responsibility to report concerns to the appropriate officer.
4. These principles will be implemented by the club in the following way:
  - a. All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure unsuitable people are prevented from working in athletics, especially with children
  - b. All Volunteers shall complete the [Volunteer Application and Self Declaration Form](#)
  - c. All Coaches and Team Managers will be asked to provide a valid Enhanced level disclosure and barring service (DBS) certificate
  - d. All Coaches and Technical Officials shall be able to provide their valid UKA licence on demand
  - e. Induction training will be provided to all volunteers and coaches and shall include the club's safeguarding procedures
  - f. Coaches and Team Managers shall complete a recognised Safeguarding Training course at least once every three years
  - g. Designated Welfare Officers are nominated by the Club
5. The person having overall responsibility for the implementation of safeguarding procedures within the Club is the Chairperson.

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