



Safeguarding Statement



Paddles Up Training Safeguarding Statement

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Statement

Paddles Up Training (PUT) is committed to ensuring that everyone can enjoy paddlesport in a safe environment where they are protected from any form of poor practice, abuse and neglect.

This policy is designed to provide guidance to all those who work with or within the organisation including employees, providers, tutors, assessors, volunteers, learners, and lead paddlers/ mock students.

This policy works in conjunction with the policies of the National Associations British Canoeing, Canoe Wales, Canoe Association of Northern Ireland and the Scottish Canoe Association and is aimed at PUT course provision, for matters outside of course provision (such as club governance) please see your National Association website.

PUT operates in line with the Equality Act 2010 and we believe every Learner undertaking, and Providers/Tutors/Assessors delivering, British Canoeing Awarding Body (BCAB) qualifications should be able to do so in a safe and happy environment.

It is the responsibility of any Provider/Tutor/Assessor delivering BCAB qualifications to children or vulnerable adults to have effective safeguarding procedures and implement them.

Please note:

Roles that involve caring for, supervising or being in sole charge of children or vulnerable adults may require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (previously called an enhanced CRB check).

If you are in any doubt as to whether the role in question requires this check, please contact the Disclosure and Barring Service.

When a Trainer/Assessor is delivering BCAB qualifications at an organisation such as a school, college or youth organisation, the safeguarding procedures for that organisation should be followed.

We recommend Providers/Tutors/Assessors take the following simple precautions when delivering qualifications to children or vulnerable adults:

- Check the minimum age requirement for any qualification prior to course delivery (please see the qualification specification for details)
- Obtain parental permission for children under the age of 18 before they are permitted to undertake any training course.
- Encourage learners to register when they are sure they will continue the qualification or award to assessment as National Association Registration process also obtains parental consent.
- Ensure another responsible adult is present at all times throughout course delivery and learner assessment
- Do not undertake one-to-one training or assessing (i.e. where the Trainer/Assessor is left alone with a child or vulnerable adult)
- Ensure that a Reasonable Adjustment Form has been submitted to PUT for approval prior to course commencement for any learner who requires to be accompanied by a support worker or other supporting adult.

PUT course providers are required to be members of Paddle UK and are fully supported by the organisations safeguarding policy and procedures:

<https://paddleuk.org.uk/category/safeguarding/>



Review Arrangements

We will review this statement on an ongoing basis as part of our continuous improvement activity and revise it as and when necessary in response to customer and learner feedback, changes in our policies and processes and actions from allegations.

In addition, we may update this policy in light of operational feedback to make sure our arrangements for dealing with suspected cases of malpractice and maladministration remain effective.

Contact us

If you have any queries about the contents of the policy, contact our customer service team:

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