



Shukokai Karate Federation safeguarding policy statement

Note: The terms 'child' and 'young person' describe any person under the age of 18. References to 'parents' should be read as parents and carers inclusively.

Our statement

Our organisation acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and **English Karate Federation** requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children, young people and vulnerable adults 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 sport at SKF in a safe and child centred environment
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in karate or outside of the activity.

We acknowledge that some children, young people and adults, including disabled children 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.

Our Policy

As part of our safeguarding policy we will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults
- value, listen to and respect children, young people and vulnerable adults
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- adopt safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- 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

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved with the SKF. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal or exclusion from the organisation



Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the local safeguarding partnership, UK Sport and/or home country sports
- councils and English Karate Federation
- because of any other significant change or event.

This policy was last reviewed on 30th November 2022

By: Karen Anderson

Role: Safeguarding Lead

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

Everyone involved in providing activities for children will be given access to appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people

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In a safeguarding emergency, where a young person is at immediate risk of harm, call 999