

Child and Adult Protection and Security

Advice to Children

If anyone does or says anything that worries you or makes you feel uncomfortable please tell your mum or dad or one of the lifeguards at once. Parents, please ensure that your children know this.

Advice to everyone

If anyone causes concern please let one of the committee know even if it seems trivial. Don't worry that you are making a fuss or that we will over react. It might have been inadvertent or it may be that the person concerned just needs a quiet word but it could also be part of a pattern of behaviour which we will not be able to spot unless you provide the pieces. Of course if it is something more serious then tell one of the lifeguards or committee members at once so that immediate action can be taken.

Adults and children

We have to be careful not just to protect children but also to be seen to protect them. You also have to think about protecting yourself. You may know that your actions are completely innocent but will an onlooker think the same? By all means play with the children but discourage and avoid physical contact or getting too friendly with any of them.

What at one time was normal relations between children and adults is now considered too risky and unfortunately there is nothing we can do about that.

Finally

Remember, failure to act is wrong and it could put the future of naturist swims in jeopardy.

Child protection officer and alternate

Malcolm Boura and Shirley Hales.

Footnote: We have never had an incident but we have notified one person that they will not be welcome if they do turn up. He has ignored warnings at other swims about chatting up lifeguards.

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