

Mildenhall Naturist Swimming Club

Child Protection and Security - Feb 2005

Policy

Children have the right to be protected from all forms of abuse and harm at all times and in all situations. § Child Protection is the responsibility of every adult. §

Children also have the right to be respected § and to express their views on any issues or decisions affecting them.

In our group, if we have suspicions about a child's physical, sexual or emotional well being, we will take action. §

Procedures

General

1. A child is anyone under 18 .
2. Children can not attend any event unaccompanied.*
3. The club will appoint a child protection officer and alternate. § Standard CRB checks will be carried out.
4. CPOs, committee members and anyone else carrying out significant duties for the club will sign the undertakings [5,10,18,19] from the SAFE pack.
5. We do not investigate suspicions of child abuse. At the pool immediate concerns are reported to pool staff. All concerns are reported to Suffolk Social Services. Usually this will be via the Child Protection Officer, or the alternate, but if necessary direct to Social Services. § In extreme cases 999 may be appropriate.
6. The child protection officers will attend the SAFE training courses on a rolling programme at least every 3 years. § Other committee members will be encouraged to do so.
7. The Child Protection Officer is responsible for: §
 1. Monitoring & recording concerns §
 2. Making referrals to social care services without delay §
 3. Liaison with other agencies §
 4. Arranging training for all staff § with potentially significant child contact.
8. We will adopt all applicable recommendations of the SAFE pack. §
9. All adults must provide evidence of name and address.*
10. Members are required to sign an undertaking that they:
 1. are not on the Sexual Offenders Register. No discretion.
 2. have not been barred from any naturist event or organisation. Committee have discretion.
11. The membership list is confidential. Requests for references will only be replied to if they quote both name and membership number. Information may also be provided to law enforcement agencies.
12. Information about undesirable characters will be shared with other swims and clubs.

At the pool

13. All adults must be a member of a naturist club or organisation or the guest of a MNSC member.*
14. Staff, club officers and other swimmers will be vigilant and we ask everyone else to be the same. §
15. No photography of children whether the child is clothed or not. §* All photography requires the prior permission of Forest Heath District Council*, the Club and everyone in picture.
16. Reporters and photographers must sign a privacy and photography undertaking.
17. A summary of child protection procedures will be displayed on the club noticeboard. §

Review

18. This policy will be reviewed annually § and before making any change or addition to activities attended by children. The pool sessions are the only unclothed activities.

Requirements of other organisations: Forest Heath DC, SAFE (some adapted) §.*

Review due February 2006