



Policy Document

Safeguarding Policy

children, young people, vulnerable adults

Policy Statement

This policy applies to all Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect children, young people, vulnerable adults who receive Brighton and Hove Camera Club services. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
- To provide Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding.

Brighton and Hove Camera Club believes that a child, young person or vulnerable adult should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

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Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Relevant government guidance on safeguarding children

We recognise that

The welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults is paramount, as enshrined in the **Legal Framework** detailed above. We further recognise that:

- All children, young people and vulnerable adults regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children, young people and vulnerable adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people and vulnerable adults, their parents, carers, guardians and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

We will seek to keep all children, young people and vulnerable adults safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- Adopting child protection practices through procedures and a code of conduct for Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club.
- Developing and implementing an effective e-safety policy and related procedures.
- Providing effective management for Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club through supervision, support and training.
- Recruiting Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club, ensuring all necessary checks are made.
- Sharing information about child protection and good practice with Officers, Members, Guests or anyone working on behalf of Brighton and Hove Camera Club, children, parents, carers, guardians or any person identified as requiring it.
- Sharing concerns with agencies who need to know and involving children, young persons, vulnerable adults, parents, carers and guardians appropriately.

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: _____ (date)

Signed: _____

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