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# Safe Sport Policy

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Parkour UK has developed an overarching policy for safeguarding children, young people and adults in parkour. For the purposes of this policy, a child means a person who is not yet 18 years old. Safeguarding children means preventing and protecting children from abuse and harm and identifying and stopping abuse and harm (that might already be happening). Safeguarding adults means protecting an adult's right to live safely, free from abuse and neglect. It is a mandatory requirement that all Parkour UK affiliated organisations adopt and implement the Parkour UK Safe Sport Policy. Non-affiliated organisations can refer to the [Safe Sport](#) section of our website for guidance on creating and implementing a Safe Sport policy and safeguarding procedures.

## **Our commitment to protecting children, young people and adults is based on the following principles:**

- The safeguarding, protection and wellbeing of children, young people and adults is paramount.
- The protection, safeguarding and wellbeing of children, young people and adults is everyone's responsibility.
- Everyone, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Parkour UK will seek to ensure our sport is inclusive and where possible, make reasonable adjustments for any protected characteristics, ability, disability, or impairment. We will also commit to continuous development, monitoring, and review.
- Adults should be safeguarded in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live.
- We recognise that ability and disability can change over time, and as such that some adults may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, particularly those adults with care and support needs.
- Parkour UK recognises the role and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in safeguarding and is committed to complying with the procedures of Local and Regional Safeguarding Boards and Statutory Authorities.

## **We will**

- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and adults and protect them from abuse and neglect.
- Respect and promote the rights and feelings of children and young people and the wishes of adults.

- Ensure anyone who, in good faith, reports their concerns will be supported.
- Recruit, offer training, and support staff, members and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children, young people and adults from abuse and reduce risk.
- Ensure that processes for dealing with complaints and allegations are clear, easy to find and are fair and open to challenge through the appeals process.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children, young people and adults in line with the Responding to Concerns Procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Where necessary, refer cases to external or third-party agencies for independent consideration.
- Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Safe Sport Policy and associated procedures.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy and these procedures.

### **We will regularly review this policy and associated procedures**

- In accordance with changes in legislation or government guidance or following any changes within Parkour UK.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the wellbeing and protection of children and young people or adults within Parkour UK.
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.

### **Associated documents**

This policy should be read alongside the following documents, policies, and procedures, all of which are accessible via our website's [Resources Section](#):

- Reporting Child Safeguarding Concerns Flowchart
- Responding to Child Safeguarding Concerns Procedure
- Reporting Adult Safeguarding Concerns Flowchart
- Responding to Adult Safeguarding Concerns Procedure
- Safeguarding Concern Online Report Form
- Safe Recruitment Guidance
- Codes of Conduct
- Case Management Procedure

- Social Media, Online Communication and Online Safety Guidance
- Social Media Safety for Parents
- Social Media Online Safety for Children
- Live Streaming Guidance
- Photography & Video Policy
- Safe Use of Changing Facilities & Toilets
- What is Abuse (Children)
- Types of Abuse (Adults)
- Parkour Coaching Standards 2024
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Mental Health Policy

## **Legal requirement and government guidance**

In drawing up this policy and guidelines Parkour UK have taken into account current legislation relating to the safeguarding of both young people and adults as follows:

- [The Children's Act 2004 \(England and Wales\)](#)
- [The Children and Young People Act 2014 \(Scotland\)](#)
- [The Children \(NI\) Order 1995 \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
- [Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#)
- [The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006](#)
- [The Sexual Offences Act 2003](#)
- [Human Rights Act 1998](#)
- [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012](#)
- [The Care Act 2014](#)
- [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims \(Amendment\) Act 2012](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act 2005](#)