



**Safeguarding Policy** – to be read in conjunction with the Club Policy and Code of Conduct. All members and carers are advised to view these documents, available on the website. More information can be seen at the following link:

[www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/safeguarding/policies-guidance-and-templates/](http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/safeguarding/policies-guidance-and-templates/)

Wey Kayak Club is fully committed to Safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the Club Policy - Code of Conduct and the following:

- The child's welfare is paramount.
- Anyone under the age of 18 is classed as a child.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief, marital status and sexual identity have a right to be protected.
- All concerns or allegations of harm must be taken seriously and responded to appropriately.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of people's lives and to achieve this we have the following aims:

- Club coaches and helpers should follow the British Canoeing Code of Ethics.
- All Club coaches, helpers and officials should read and adhere to the British Canoeing Child and Vulnerable Groups Protection Policy. The Club will follow the guidance of the Policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- Club coaches and helpers will be provided with relevant training in the safeguarding and protection of children and vulnerable groups.
- The Club will ensure that anyone who meets the eligibility criteria for a Disclosure check will not be deployed until a satisfactory check has been returned.
- All club members are made aware of the Club's Code of Conduct.
- The Club will obtain written medical details of young paddlers which will be made known to coaches, where deemed appropriate and/or necessary. The onus will be on the parent/carer to ensure details are updated and that the coach leading any given session is aware of relevant medical conditions or recent health episodes that may impact on fitness to paddle.
- Any paddler who coaches for the Club should be a member of British Canoeing. The Club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay updated.
- The Club will identify a person whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning Safeguarding and Child Protection (Club Welfare Officer) and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns with respect to the welfare of a child (or other person at risk) should contact that person. If that person is unavailable they can contact the British Canoeing Safeguarding Officer.
- The Club will review this Policy annually.

**Contacts:**

**Club Welfare Officer – ☎ Annie Welch – 07792 975859/01483 898132 or [welfare\\_officer@weykayak.co.uk](mailto:welfare_officer@weykayak.co.uk)**

**Childline: 0800 1111**

**Surrey: Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Monday to Friday 9 – 5  
☎ 0300 470 9100**

**Outside office hours – Emergency Duty Team - ☎ 01483 517898**

**British Canoeing(England) Safeguarding Officer: ☎ 07734 453430**

**NSPCC Child Protection Helpline - 0808 800 5000**

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