

# Safeguarding Policy Statement



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## **1. PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY STATEMENT**

Bedford Angling Club (BAC) acknowledges its responsibility to appropriately safeguard children and adults and agrees to employ the following safeguarding principles:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- The welfare and safety of children and adults at risk is of paramount importance
- Everyone regardless of their age, culture, disability, sex, gender reassignment, language, race, nationality, religious belief, sexual identity, sexual orientation has the right to protection from abuse and harm
- All concerns, instances of poor practice or allegations will be followed up swiftly, appropriately and taken seriously
- We will strive to create a 'Speak Out' culture, where everyone is empowered to raise concerns with confidence
- The rights, dignity and views of anglers are always respected but balanced with the need to ensure their safety
- We will strive to create a culture of collaborative learning for safeguarding across angling in order to foster positive and safe practice, so everyone can enjoy the sport freely.

### **BAC agrees with the below statements and will:**

Adopt the Angling Trust Safeguarding Policies and Procedures and will make these known amongst members.

Abide by the Angling Trust Health, Safety and Welfare Policy and guidance documents.

Follow the Angling Trust Safer Recruitment Guidelines to ensure all necessary checks are robustly carried out. Including anyone working with children or adults in Regulated Activity undertaking a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Adopt the Angling Trust's safeguarding best practice guidance including volunteers, social media, transport, taking pictures etc.

Ensure any events held on BAC waters will comply with this statement and associated policies. If appropriate a risk assessment/safeguarding plan will be discussed and circulated to those affected.

Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding by appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns involving young people and adults confidently and competently.

Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of an incident or concern and provide support for the individual or individuals involved.

Adhere to Data Protection legislation and guidance to ensure confidential, detailed, and accurate records are maintained and securely stored.

**Safeguarding Contacts:**

| Contact                                     | Contact information  |
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| Welfare Officer:<br>Deputy Welfare Officer: | <b>Simon Campbell – 07895 021766</b><br><b>Adam Clough - 07432060702</b>   |
| Children’s Social Care:                     | <b>Tel: 01234 718700 (office hours)</b><br><b>Tel: 0300 300 8123 (out of hours)</b>  |
| Adult Social Care:                          | <b>Call 01234 276222 during these times:</b><br><b>Monday to Thursday: 9am to 5pm</b><br><b>Friday: 9am to 4pm</b><br><b>For after hours emergencies contact 0300 300 8123</b> |
| Local Authority Designated Officer:         | <b>Bedford Borough: 01234 276693 or via secure email: Lado@bedford.gov.uk</b>  |
| Angling Trust Safeguarding Lead Officer:    | <b>Di Murray 07730 765714</b><br><b>di.murray@anglingtrust.net</b>   |

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