



TAEKWONDO COUNCIL UK

Child Safeguarding Policy

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Introduction

Taekwondo Council UK is fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of children participating in Taekwondo activities. This policy sets out our approach to safeguarding children, including guidelines for preventing and responding to abuse, neglect, harm, and exploitation.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

Ensure compliance with UK legislation, including the Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004, and other relevant safeguarding regulations.

Provide clear guidelines and procedures for safeguarding children who participate in Taekwondo activities.

Define the responsibilities of all individuals involved in Taekwondo Council UK in safeguarding children.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members, staff, volunteers, coaches, and anyone working on behalf of Taekwondo Council UK, regardless of their role, in safeguarding children.

3. Definitions

Child: A person under the age of 18.

Safeguarding: The actions and procedures taken to protect children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Child Protection: The specific measures and actions that are designed to prevent abuse or neglect and ensure the well-being of children.

4. Legal Framework

Taekwondo Council UK is committed to complying with the following UK legislation and guidance:

Children Act 1989 and 2004: These Acts provide the legal framework for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006: This Act aims to prevent unsuitable individuals from working with children and vulnerable adults.

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018: This guidance outlines how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard children, focusing on the role of statutory agencies, local authorities, the police, and health services.

Note: While specific safeguarding procedures may vary slightly in Scotland, Taekwondo Council UK follows the equivalent legislation and guidelines within Scotland.

5. Safeguarding Procedures

5.1. Recognition and Response

All members, staff, volunteers, and coaches should receive training to recognise the signs of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Any concerns regarding the welfare or safety of a child must be reported immediately to the designated Safeguarding Officer.

5.2. Risk Assessment and Support

Risk assessments should be conducted to identify and address potential risks to children participating in Taekwondo activities.

Children should be supported to participate safely in activities, ensuring their individual needs, preferences, and capabilities are fully considered.

5.3. Confidentiality and Consent

Information about children should be handled with the utmost confidentiality and shared only on a need-to-know basis, in line with relevant data protection laws.

Parental or guardian consent must be obtained before sharing any personal information or involving children in decisions regarding their care and participation in activities.

5.4. Reporting Concerns

Any concerns regarding the welfare of a child should be reported immediately to the designated Safeguarding Officer.

Concerns will be documented and dealt with in accordance with local safeguarding procedures. If necessary, relevant authorities such as local authorities or the police will be notified.

6. Prevention Strategies

Promote a culture of respect, dignity, and inclusivity within Taekwondo Council UK, ensuring that children feel safe, valued, and supported in all Taekwondo-related activities.

Provide safeguarding training and resources to staff, volunteers, and coaches to raise awareness of abuse, neglect, and how to respond appropriately, in line with UK safeguarding standards.

7. Communication and Review

This policy will be communicated to all members, staff, volunteers, and coaches and made available on the Taekwondo Council UK website.

The policy will be regularly reviewed to ensure ongoing compliance with current legislation and best practice. Any necessary updates will be made, and lessons will be learned from safeguarding incidents or audits.

Feedback from children, parents, carers, and stakeholders will be actively sought to continually improve safeguarding practices and policies.

8. Contacts

TCUK Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@tkdngb.co.uk | 0121 271 0887

Local Authority Safeguarding Children's Team: [Please refer to your Local Authority's website for contact details]

Emergency Services: 999

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Conclusion

Taekwondo Council UK is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of children participating in Taekwondo activities. By adhering to this policy and UK safeguarding legislation, we aim to protect children from harm, abuse, and exploitation, ensuring they can enjoy Taekwondo in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.