

# East Midlands Unicyclists - Safeguarding policy statement

**Note:** The terms 'child', 'children' and 'young person' describe any person under the age of 18.

## Our statement

East Midlands Unicyclists (EMU) acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. It is committed to ensuring its safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance, and complies with best practice.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience in a safe environment during all events organised by EMU; and
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in unicycle hockey or related activities organised by EMU.

## Our policy

### Roles and responsibilities

- The **Safeguarding Lead** is the main contact for any concerns about a child or young person's welfare.
- The lead will keep any information confidential and, if necessary, seek advice from the **NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000)** or the local authority.
- The **Safeguarding Lead** and a Deputy will complete appropriate Safeguarding training.
- Other members of EMU are not expected to take on formal safeguarding roles, however everyone should act responsibly and be comfortable to report any concerns.
- All adult members will be made aware of this policy and reminded of good practice in keeping young people safe.
- A safeguarding-trained person will not necessarily be present at every session. However, all adult members will be made aware of this safeguarding policy, understand their duty of care, and know how to contact the Safeguarding Lead or Deputy if a concern arises.

### What we'll do

As part of our safeguarding policy we will:

- ensure that young people attend events with a parent or guardian wherever practicable;
- ensure that if a young person attends without a parent or guardian, at least two adults should always be present during activities;
- avoid being alone with a young person (e.g. giving a lift, exchanging private messages, or private 1:1 training);
- communicate with young people via their parents or guardians, not directly;
- not take or share photos of young people without consent from their parent or guardian;

- use respectful language and behaviour in the presence of young people;
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of any incidents or concerns;
- appoint a nominated safeguarding lead and deputy for young people; and
- make sure that young people and their parents or guardians know where to go for help if they have a concern.

## When hosting events or tournaments

When EMU's host visiting clubs and / or individual players:

- we recognise our shared responsibility for safeguarding when hosting events that include young people;
- each visiting club is responsible for the welfare and supervision of its own young people. We will share a copy of this safeguarding policy in advance of the event and ask visiting clubs to confirm they have their own safeguarding policy and procedures in place. Clubs that do not have their own policy agree, by attending the event, to follow the principles set out within this safeguarding policy;
- as the host club, we will ensure the venue is safe, have a designated safeguarding contact available on the day, and respond appropriately to any safeguarding concerns raised;
- all young people should be accompanied by an appropriate adult from their club where practicable; and
- we will not take or share photos of young people without consent from their parent or guardian.

## Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or earlier if the club becomes aware of significant changes in safeguarding guidance, legislation, or circumstances that affect how we operate.

This policy was last reviewed on **14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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**In a safeguarding emergency,  
where a child is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.**