

CASTLE SHOOTING CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Castle Shooting Club fully recognise its responsibilities for Child Protection. Our policy applies to all members & visitors to the club. Main elements to our policy are:-

A child under the age of 18 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult & both be suitable to shoot under the Section 21 Authority.

Ensuring we practice safe member recruitment in assessing the suitability of members to be in the company of children.

Raising awareness of Child Protection issues.

Developing & then implementing procedures for identifying & reporting cases or suspected cases of abuse.

Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn to shoot & develop a healthy degree of sportsmanship.

We recognise that because of the contact members may have with children as part of the normal club activities, members are well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse.

The club will establish & maintain an environment where children feel secure & are encouraged to talk, listen & ensure that children know that there are members in the club whom they can approach if they are worried.

We will take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education & Skills to ensure we have a designated person for Child Protection.

Ensure all members understand their responsibilities in being alert to the signs of abuse & responsibility for referring any concerns to the designated person responsible for Child Protection.

Ensure that parents have an understanding of the responsibility placed on the club and its members for Child Protection.

No Photographs or filming of any kind will be permitted of minors whilst in attendance of the club regardless whether the minors are in attendance, observers, residents of local property or public without a guardian or parental permission. Please also see our Privacy policy for further detail on photography or videography permissions.

Keep written records of concerns about children even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately. Ensuring all records are kept securely.

We recognise that children who are abused or witness violence may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth. They may feel helplessness, humiliation & some sense of blame. The club may be the only stable, secure & predictive element in the lives of children at risk.