

CYCLE SEAHAVEN SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Safeguarding requires everyone to ensure children & vulnerable adults stay safe by taking on the necessary roles & responsibilities that create a safe environment, where all are respected. Therefore, the aim of this policy is to promote good practice.

Abuse comes in many forms and not always within our scope to deal with, but it is always our duty to report it. Examples of abuse might include discrimination, (cyber) bullying, threatening or coercive tactics, actual physical harm, or neglect.

Concerns of poor practice or a safeguarding issue must be referred to a Committee Member as soon as possible for first line of enquiry. However, if considered so serious any delay might place another at further risk, then this stage must be omitted and the relevant services contacted immediately, e.g, police, social services, etc., whilst also notifying CSH Chair of your actions.

Sensitive information and confidentiality must be respected, except when there is risk of further harm happening and then the relevant services must be contacted as soon as possible, whilst notifying CSH Chair of your actions.

Cycle Seahaven do not offer ride programs specifically aimed for children and operate a policy where children & youths must always be accompanied by their parent, guardian, or adult acting in loco parentis. As such we do not expect Club Volunteers or Ride Leaders to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Any investigations carried out may be a criminal, child protection or follow a disciplinary/misconduct procedure. Further information may be sort from Cycling UK's more comprehensive Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy & specific organisations.

Cycling UK -

https://www.cyclinguk.org/sites/default/files/document/2020/06/cycling_uk_-_safeguarding_and_child_protection_policy_final.pdf

NSPCC helpline - (0808 800 500) or website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Mind helpline - (0300 123 3393) or website <https://www.mind.org.uk>