



Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Samurai Centre acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) and complies with best practice requirements based upon those recommended by the NSPCC & CPSU.

The Samurai Centre Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of martial arts at the Samurai Centre in a safe and child-centred environment.
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in the activities and tuition provided by the instructors/volunteers/assistants and staff at the Samurai Centre or outside such activities.

Samurai centre Staff acknowledge that some children, including disabled children, young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy the Samurai Centre will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people.
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern.
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored.
- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals.
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.





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The policy and procedures laid out here will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in the Samurai Centre. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

Legislation & Statutory Guidance

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Children Act 1989
- Children Act 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Data Protection Act 2018

Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, UK Sport and/or Home Country Sports Councils.
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

The Samurai Centre recognizes the following members of staff as designated Child Protection/Safeguarding Officers:

Stuart Allison, Chief Instructor & Designated Safeguarding Lead
Joseph O'Shea, Samurai Centre Instructor

Last Review: 19/12/2024 by Jamie Doyle

Next Review: December 2025

