

Club Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

Paignton Canoe Club is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of its members. All members should show respect and understanding for the rights, safety and welfare of others, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and sport.

We believe that taking part in Paddlesport should be a positive and enjoyable part of children's/vulnerable adults lives and to achieve this have the following aims:

- Club coaches should follow the BCU Coaches & Officials Code of Conduct
- All club coaches, course helpers and officials working with young people should read and adhere to the BCU child and vulnerable adults policy. The club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations.
- The club will ensure that anyone working with young people and vulnerable adults undertake a screening procedure, namely a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.
- All club members are made aware of the Club Code of Conduct
- The club will obtain written medical details of child/vulnerable adult paddlers which will be made known to coaches where deemed appropriate and/or necessary.
- The club will endeavor to only use BCU qualified/updated coaches — unqualified coaches should only work alongside a qualified coach. The club will encourage and support helpers to gain qualifications and assist coaches to stay up-dated.
- The club will identify a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) whose role it is to deal with any issues concerning child protection and vulnerable adults and notify this person to all members. Anyone with concerns in respect to children or vulnerable adults should then contact the CWO.
 - If the CWO is unavailable they can contact the BCU Child Protection Officer on Tel: **0777 570 7364** or NSPCC help line **0808 800 5000**
- The club will adopt and regularly review a Health and Safety Policy
- The club will review this policy annually.

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