

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme

Safeguarding Children Policy Explanation



Safeguarding Children is high on The FA's agenda.

The goal is to have someone at every club in the country aware of Safeguarding Children, whether it's a Premiership Academy or a Sunday morning park side. For FA Charter Standard Clubs, of course, it's a must.

Already 150,000 people have received their certificates after attending The FA's Safeguarding Children workshops. These are organised via County FAs on a regular basis. Now, The FA has launched Safeguarding Children - A guide. This is an introduction to Safeguarding Children that can be worked through at home on VHS or CD-ROM. Details can be obtained through logging on to www.TheFA.com/Goal.

The FA believes football can have a powerful positive influence on children and young people. But that means everyone involved in football must take on the responsibility of looking after those children who want to play the game.

Safeguarding Children is about doing things the right way; doing things properly. It's about allowing children to enjoy the game without abuse of any kind. That means bullying, physical, emotional or sexual abuse and neglect.

Every week, The FA's website carries updates on Safeguarding Children

issues relevant to the game. The site also contains The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures, as well as guidelines and advice. These can be downloaded free of charge.

The site carries a link to the NSPCC, with details of The FA/NSPCC Child Protection Helpline. This is a free service offering Safeguarding Children advice and information for anyone in football. The FA has also made available many resources to help develop Safeguarding Children, most of which are available free of charge. A link to The Media Group enables clubs to order free posters, leaflets and information cards that support The FA's drive for higher standards in Safeguarding Children.

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