



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN FOOTBALL

What You Need to Know



A child means everyone under the age of 18



Children need the right help at the right time to address the risks



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

GOAL



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT in the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality



KNOW HOW to identify children who may benefit from early help

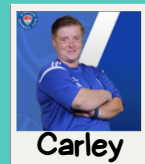


KNOW THE DIFFERENT types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or attention



Know what to do if a child intentionally or unintentionally tells you they are being abused or neglected

Know who the club designated safeguarding leads are and speak to them as soon as you are concerned



Carley



Charlie



All coaches and volunteers at Actonians must hold the safeguarding children and in date DBS certificates



Any adult can make a referral to the county or FA but should inform the designated safeguarding leads as soon as possible



All concerns, discussions and decisions and reasons behind those decisions should be recorded in writing as accurately as possible

Whistleblowing

If you're worried poor or safeguarding practices or potential failures at the club talk to the designated safeguarding leads or any committee member. If you feel unable to talk to anyone in the club report directly to the Middlesex County FA Safeguarding Team, the NSPCC or straight to the Police in emergencies.

Escalate - don't hesitate



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