

Skateboard GB Safeguarding Policy

Purpose

This policy sets out Skateboard GB's approach to safeguarding for all skateboarding participants. It applies to all aspects of Skateboard GB's work and to everyone involved in Skateboard GB (SBGB) affiliated skateboarding activities.

The safeguarding policy should be considered alongside the SBGB's Welfare & Safeguarding Strategy 2026 which is underpinned by one core principle:

- **All staff, volunteers and participants should be safe and feel safe.**

This means that everything SBGB does should be in the interest of the safety and welfare of all SBGB activity participants; staff, volunteers, skaters/athletes, coaches, event officials and spectators. This includes ensuring that there are effective procedures for keeping all SBGB participants safe from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

It is recognised that there are some variations in how safeguarding of children and adults work is coordinated within the four home nations of Great Britain. SBGB works with each home nation associated agencies to take forward any concerns raised based on the location of any incident, skateboarding organisation or residency of the individuals involved, ensuring SBGB is meeting the requirements of that nation's laws for person-centred safeguarding.

The SBGB's Welfare & Safeguarding Strategy 2026 is set out [here](#).

Safeguarding Definitions

The SBGB uses the definition of the term 'safeguarding' from statutory guidance.

'Safeguarding Children' is defined in [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023: Statutory Guidance](#) as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Further explanations and examples of child abuse can be accessed through the NSPCC's website [Understanding child abuse: types, signs, and support | NSPCC](#).

'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults' is defined in the [Care and Support Statutory Guidance - GOV.UK](#) as:

- Protecting the rights of adults to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect;
- People and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect;

- People and organisations making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, taking fully into account their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action; and
- Recognising that adults sometimes have complex interpersonal relationships and may be ambivalent, unclear or unrealistic about their personal circumstances and therefore potential risks to their safety or wellbeing.

Safer Recruitment

SBGB understands and recognises that all SBGB affiliated coaches, event officials, managers, and elite performance staff/volunteers working with athletes are considered individuals in a 'position of trust'. [Positions of Trust: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 Factsheet - GOV.UK](#)

SBGB carries out safer recruitment checks on everyone who works directly in an appointed role for SBGB and who is in a position of trust and/or works directly with children and/or vulnerable adults. All such individuals, staff and volunteers, require a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate, AccessNI criminal record check or Disclosure Scotland PVG scheme check.

SBGB additionally advises all affiliated organisations to ensure safe recruitment checks are conducted for all individuals within their organisations who are in a position of trust and work directly with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Expectations of Staff, Volunteers, Participants & Members

Everyone working for SBGB, staff and volunteers, has the responsibility for familiarising themselves with this Safeguarding Policy and all accompanying guidance and procedures that go with it, as published on the SBGB website. There must be a focus on welfare and safe sport in all aspects of SBGB activity.

Everyone working for SBGB, staff and volunteers, must inform the SBGB Safeguarding Lead Officer if they become the subject of an allegation involving a safeguarding concern or abuse against a child and/or vulnerable adult. If anyone is in any doubt as to whether the situation is relevant, they should refer to the definitions of safeguarding or seek advice from the SBGB Safeguarding Lead Officer.

Any allegations of misconduct towards children and/or vulnerable adults by those representing SBGB, staff, volunteers or participants, will be managed through the SBGB's complaints and grievances procedures in conjunction with relevant statutory agencies when necessary.

Safeguarding Training

SBGB is committed to ensuring that SBGB staff, partners and volunteer workforce understands their safeguarding responsibilities and keeps their knowledge up to date. All individuals in a position of trust and those working directly with children and vulnerable adults must complete safeguarding training within 6 months of taking up their post, and refresh their knowledge after 2 years.

Acting on Safeguarding Concerns

No SBGB representative, staff, volunteer or participant, should investigate concerns about children and/or vulnerable adults who are or may be being abused or at risk. However, all have a responsibility to ensure that concerns are passed to relevant agencies to help them without delay.

Concerns and suspicions should not be ignored and there should be no assumption that someone has already taken action to protect that person. All such concerns should be reported to the SBGB Safeguarding Lead Officer at safeguarding@skateboardgb.org or complete the online form found here [Report a concern | Safeguarding | Skateboard GB | Run by skateboarders. For skateboarders.](#) SBGB will manage the process for reporting the concerns to the relevant authorities of where the individual lives.

Where concerns relate to an individual over the age of 16 years, SBGB will pay due regard to the Mental Capacity Act to act in the best interest of that individual.

Anyone representing SBGB as staff, volunteer or participants and has concerns about the behaviour of a SBGB representative, must always raise their concerns with the SBGB Safeguarding Lead Officer as quickly as possible.

Learning and Improving

SBGB seeks to continually improve knowledge and understanding of how best to ensure welfare and safe sport for all participants involved in skateboarding. SBGB will therefore review and evaluate practices, procedures and policies regularly to ensure safeguarding continues to be a focus in all aspects of SBGB activities.

Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed by the Skateboard GB board every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as required by UK Sport, Sport England, Sport Scotland, Sport NI or Sport Wales
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

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