



Safeguarding Policy

Introduction

Adventure Northumberland is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all participants, staff, and visitors. We recognise our duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults in accordance with UK safeguarding legislation and best practice guidance, including *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)* and the *Care Act (2014)*. **Our Commitment**

- To provide a safe and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and respected.
- To ensure that all staff, instructors, and volunteers understand their safeguarding responsibilities.
- To promote a culture that prioritises safety, inclusion, and wellbeing.
- To follow safe recruitment procedures, including enhanced DBS checks for all relevant roles.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Adventure Northumberland is **Michael Curry**. He is responsible for overseeing safeguarding arrangements, ensuring policy implementation, and liaising with external agencies when necessary. **Reporting a Concern**

Anyone with a concern about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult should report it immediately to the DSL. If the DSL is unavailable and there is an immediate risk of harm, concerns should be directed to Northumberland County Council's Children's or Adult Safeguarding Team, or to the police by dialling 999. **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually or following any significant change in legislation or practice. Adventure Northumberland is committed to continuous improvement in safeguarding standards and practices. **Contact Information**

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