



Dorset County ASA

Adults at Risk

Safeguarding Policy

Dorset County ASA is committed to providing a safe and positive environment to safeguard all Adults at Risk involved in our sports. In accordance with those principles and practices Dorset County ASA has adopted and will adhere to the Swim England Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy and guidance as follows.

- All Adults at Risk, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status have the right to be protected from abuse and poor practice and to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment.
- The definition of an Adult at Risk is an individual aged 18 years or over who is in need of care and support regardless of whether they are in receipt of those services and because of those needs may be unable to protect themselves against abuse or poor practice.
- Dorset County ASA will seek to ensure our sports are inclusive and make reasonable adjustments for any ability, disability or impairment, and commit to continuous monitoring, development, and review.
- Dorset County ASA also acknowledges that ability and disability, and therefore the needs of Adults at Risk, may change over time.
- The rights, dignity and worth of all Adults at Risk will always be respected and Dorset County ASA endorses that the individual has the capacity and right to make decisions on their own behalf.
- Dorset County ASA recognises that a disabled adult may or may not identify themselves or be identified as an Adult at Risk.
- To ensure the safety and well-being of all Adults at Risk, Dorset County ASA will act appropriately and report concerns whether these concerns arise within our sporting environment or in the wider community.
- Ensure that all safeguarding matters are taken seriously and dealt with in accordance with the Swim England Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy and Procedures.
- Ensure confidentiality is maintained and in accordance with the best interests of the Adult at Risk and that all information relating to safeguarding matters is held in a safe and secure manner.
- Dorset County ASA recognises the role and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in safeguarding Adults at Risk and is committed to complying with the procedures of the local Safeguarding Adults Boards.