

DTC safeguarding policy and procedures

Durham Triathlon Club is committed to protecting the safety and wellbeing of all individuals, in line with the British Triathlon safeguarding policies that can be found [here](#) for children/young people, and [here](#) for adults at risk.

Our policy is based on the following key principles.

- **Everyone who participates in Triathlon is entitled to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment, and has the right to be protected from abuse and poor practice.**
- **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

The club endeavours to:

- Create a safe and welcoming environment at all events and training sessions;
- Ensure the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals are respected;
- Promote safeguarding as everyone's responsibility;
- Where appropriate, work in partnership with parents and/or carers of people at risk;
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual abuse;
- Make safeguarding personal to the individual involved, and take into account their views, wishes, beliefs and wants as part of the safeguarding process;
- Have a designated club safeguarding officer who will be able to provide support and advice within the club.

Please **contact** welfare@durhamtri.co.uk with any queries or concerns about safeguarding within the club.

British triathlon also has a lead safeguarding officer who may be contacted directly at concern@britishtriathlon.org.

It's important to remember that the welfare of a child, young person or adult at risk is paramount, it's not up to you to decide whether or not a child or young person has been abused, but to report concerns immediately. Here you can find the reporting guidelines for [adults](#) and [children/young people](#).