



# Safeguarding in football is everyone's responsibility.

Led by a network of 8500 welfare officers clubs aim to provide a safe and fun environment for all.

**If you want to play your part then we would encourage you to ask your child's club the following questions:**

- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Is my child's coach Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked, FA trained and qualified?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 How can I get a copy of the clubs safeguarding policy and procedures?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Who is the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) for my child's team and how do I contact them?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What is the role of the CWO?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 What should I do if I have a complaint?
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 If I have a concern about a child or someone's behaviour towards a child what should I do?

**The FA would not expect clubs to:**

- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Discourage you from staying to watch or from becoming involved.
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Allow club officials to operate independently of the club.
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Have coaches showing favouritism or personally rewarding specific children.
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Accept inappropriate physical contact between coaches and players.
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 A "win at all costs" attitude that impacts a child's well-being.
- 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Have coaches who invite players to spend time alone with them or to visit or stay in their home.

**If you think any of these behaviours are happening please contact your CWO.**

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