

## Safeguarding Children and Young People - A Short Guide for County Officials

The Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association is committed to ensure that the sport of golf is one within which children and young people involved can thrive and flourish in a safe environment and that all children, young people and adults at risk have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

The Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association is an affiliated member of England Golf and follows the England Golf Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and procedures.

You might be thinking "What has safeguarding got to do with me?"

Government guidance makes it clear that 'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'.

Anyone who has a negative experience of sport at a young age is less likely to become a regular long-term participant. It's important for the future of your county and the sport as a whole that children and young people have an enjoyable experience.

## All county officials have a part to play in making that happen.

All adults should contribute to the county meeting its overall duty of care, be aware of our county's safeguarding policy, and know what to do if they are concerned about a young person.

The Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association asks our officials to familiarise themselves with the Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association Safeguarding Policy.

- 1. Codes of Conduct
- 2. Anti-Bullying Policy
- 3. Changing Room Policy
- 4. Photography, Videoing and the use of Social Media Policies

What should I do if I'm concerned about a child or young person?

A concern may involve the behaviour of an adult towards a child at the club, or something that has happened to the child outside the club.

Children and young people may confide in adults they trust, in a place where they feel comfortable.

An allegation may range from verbal bullying, to inappropriate contact online, to neglect or emotional abuse, to physical or sexual abuse.

If you are concerned about a child, it is not your responsibility to investigate further, but it is your responsibility to act on your concerns and share them.

Pass the information to the Cornwall Ladies County Golf Association Welfare Officer who will follow the county's safeguarding procedures.

Name: Bridget Moody

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If you believe the child is at immediate risk of harm, call the Police.

Other useful contacts:

NSPCC 24-hour helpline Tel: 0808 800 5000 | England Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer 01526 351856