



AMERSHAM & CHALFONT HOCKEY CLUB

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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club has a duty of care to safeguard all children involved in hockey from harm. All children have a right to protection and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club coaches/leaders ensure that the safety and protection of all children involved in hockey through adherence to the Child Protection guideline adopted by English Hockey.

The aim of the Child Protection Policy is to promote good practice by :

- Providing children and young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club
- Allow all coaches/leaders to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues

The Club ensures :

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- All coaches/leaders have a responsibility to report concerns to the appropriate club officer

Amersham and Chalfont Hockey club acknowledges that good practice when dealing with children is essential. All coaches/leaders are expected to adhere to the following guidelines when dealing with children.

- Always be publicly open when working with children. Avoid situations where coach/leader and individual children are completely unobserved.
- Manual support is rarely required in the sport of hockey. If a coach feels that it is necessary, the reason should be clearly explained to the child and if possible the parents/carers.
- Where possible, parents should be responsible only for their own child in the changing rooms