Safeguarding Policy

Houghton & Mackay and its owner takes the issue of safeguarding very seriously. It is understood that there may be readers, and sometimes participants who are young than 18, interacting with the magazine and its organisation through our own social media framework, comments system and so on.

Stance

The magazine does not allow adult or acutely political content to be posted on the site or in any of the articles. Anything pertaining to such material will be edited out, or if posted by a member of the public via any comments, will be automatically (where the system allows) deleted and removed from public view.

Similarly, this is an environment which is inclusive, allowing and supportive of all individuals no matter their characteristic, including, but not limited to, age, sex, orientation, background or ability.

Conduct by Columnists

All individuals writing for the magazine are essentially representing the magazine, and as such, must behave professionally in environments where they are seen to be connected to it and as they would within the mainstream media, both online and offline, which includes the expectation to protect and safeguard young and vulnerable people, whether they are writers, customers, or readers of the magazine and its organisation.

Conduct by Users

Any member of the public can create a social media profile within the magazine website and update their profile, comment on posts and upload visual media to their account page and profile, in addition to interacting with other users through the messaging application.

Whilst this activity is monitored, it is the responsibility of participants and account holders to report anything they believe is untoward. Of course, where such instances by the webmaster will be removed straight away.

Reporting

All incidents reported under the heading of safeguarding are taken seriously and responded to within the constraints of current legislative guidelines, referencing UK laws, to the email address below:

Legal@houghtonandmackay.com