

Proud Rovers Safe Guarding Policy



This policy outlines the ways in which the group will contribute to the safeguarding of children and young people. For the purposes of this policy “child”, “children”, “young person” and “young people” means a person/people under 18 years of age.

As football fans, working to improve the stadium experience for everyone, the group aims to ensure that its central events are safe and welcoming to children and families. As a voluntary group we may have a role to play in helping to safeguard children and young people.

The group may organise public campaigning or fund-raising events and meetings which may be attended by people of all ages, including children and young people (subject to licensing laws and restrictions).

In the case of children and young people who, due to age/ability, are not independent enough to be unsupervised in public, the group expects that parent(s)/carer(s) will appropriately supervise their children. This includes remaining with children. The group does not provide child care services; it does not offer to take over responsibility for the care of children and young people.

In the case of children and young people who, due to age/ability, are independent enough to be unsupervised in public, the group recognises that such children and young people may participate in events unaccompanied by parent(s)/carer(s).

The group recognises that children and young people of all abilities are vulnerable. Just because a child/young person may be independent enough to be unaccompanied at a meeting or event, this does not mean s/he is not vulnerable.

Reporting concerns:

Any group member who has concerns about harm being caused or likely to be caused to a child/young person should report this to the designated safeguarding committee member (or deputy).

The designated safeguarding committee member (or deputy) should ensure that a written record is kept of the concerns that the volunteer has raised, and should consider whether the concern should be passed on to local Children’s Services.

In an emergency, it is important not to delay reporting to police or Children's Services if the designated safeguarding member (or deputy) is unavailable. In an emergency, concerns should be raised immediately with police or Children's Services.

Where there is a concern that the designated safeguarding committee member (or deputy) has harmed or is likely to harm a child / young person, then the concern should be reported directly to Children's Services or police.

Police can be contacted on 999 (for emergencies) or 101 (for non-emergencies).

Investigation

The group is not responsible for carrying out child protection investigations. It will co-operate with Children's Services and police with regard to child protection investigations.