

Berkeley & District Riding Club

Safeguarding Policy

Introduction

Berkeley & District Riding Club ('B&DRC') fully adopts the BHS Safeguarding Policy (Safeguarding Adults).

www.bhs.org.uk/media/sqkba133/bhs-safeguarding-adults-policy-and-procedures-122022-v2.pdf

B&DRC will endeavour to comply with the Guidance for BHS Safeguarding. The Club's Safeguarding Officer is **Gill Lawry** (Gilllawry@aol.com). If you witness or are aware of an incident where the welfare of a vulnerable adult has been put at risk, you must in the first instance inform the Club Safeguarding Officer.

Aims of Policy

- To maintain high standards of behaviours and good practice through compliance with BRC Official Rules and the BEF Codes of Conduct produced for members, instructors, and volunteers.
- To ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation to provide vulnerable adults with appropriate safety and protection whilst part of B&DRC, allowing them to participate in a fun but safe environment. To take all reasonable, practical steps to protect them from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment whilst demonstrating respect for their rights, wishes and feelings.
- To take appropriate action in the event of incidents and/or concerns of abuse and ensure support is provided to the individual(s) who raise or disclose the concern. Make sure all concerns or allegations of poor practice or abuse are taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- To ensure that confidential and accurate information/records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored.
- Our policy and procedures are mandatory for everyone involved with B&DRC. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in exclusion from the Club.