

## **Tyneside Loipers Cross-Country ski Club      Safeguarding Policy**

Tyneside Loipers recognise that all members regardless of their situation have the right to participate in snow sport in a fun and safe environment and have the right to protection from harm.

Tyneside Loipers is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all participants of cross-country skiing in all its various forms.

We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that we have a duty of care to protect children and adults at risk of harm or abuse.

### ***Tyneside Loipers adhere to Snowsport England Safeguarding Policies:***

- [SnowSafe Children Policy – Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)
- [Information for Children, Young People and Parents](#)
- [SnowSafe Adults – Safeguarding Adults Policy](#)
- [SnowSafe Adults Procedures – Safeguarding Adults' Procedures](#)
- [Information for Adults participating in Snowsport](#)
- [SE DBS Policy](#)

In addition

We will ensure that those that work with children and adults at risk understand that this policy applies to them.

The club will appoint a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) and ensure they receive the mandatory training for CWOs, so they have the necessary skills to undertake their role effectively.

Ensure the name and contact details of the CWO are promoted to participants and made available on the Tyneside Loipers website.

Ensure that members are aware that the CWO should be the first point of contact for any concerns.

Ensure that instructors undergo a DBS disclosure when required.

Ensure that SE procedures are followed in the event of a safeguarding concern being raised.

Ensure that all suspicions, allegations and concerns are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

Ensure that access to confidential information regarding safeguarding concerns is restricted to the CWO, SE Safeguarding Lead and appropriate external authorities.

Ensure that all those in a position of responsibility at the club recognise it is not their responsibility to determine if abuse has occurred, but it is their responsibility to act on their concerns by reporting to the CWO in the first instance.

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