



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The aim of this policy is to promote good practice by ensuring that all Swift Melbourne Table Tennis Club members and staff will:

Be fully aware of their responsibilities with regard to safeguarding adults and children.

Safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of the young people and adults with whom they are working.

Respond appropriately to all concerns.

- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of all young people and adults and take all reasonable and practical steps to protect them from harm, discrimination or abuse.
- Be offered support and training to allow them to fulfil their individual role with regard to the protection and safeguarding of young people and adults.

Melbourne Table Tennis Club believes in and seeks to uphold the following principles:

- The welfare of the children and adults is paramount.
- All young people and adults have the right to protection from abuse regardless of their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity.
- All allegations will be taken seriously and any reports of concerns will be dealt with promptly and sensitively ensuring all appropriate action is taken.
- Members, coaches and volunteers recognize they have the responsibility to ensure that they act upon any concerns or allegations.
- Processes for dealing with all complaints and allegations are fair and open to challenge through the appeals process.

Melbourne Table Tennis Club commits to support anyone who, in good faith, reports their concerns. Requires all members, coaches and volunteers to adopt and abide by Melbourne Table Tennis Club Safeguarding Guidelines.

In drawing up this policy and the guidelines Melbourne Table Tennis Club have taken into account the following

Legislation for safeguarding both young people and adults:

- The Children Act 2004
- The Children Act 1989
- The Protection of Children Act 1999
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- The Every Child Matters Strategy 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Human Rights Act 1998
- The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Police Act 1997
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- The Care Act 2014
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

- Mental Capacity Act 2005

Personal information will be treated in strict confidence, within the limits of the law, which requires that the Police, Children's Services, Adult Services and/or any other statutory agencies including the NSPCC be informed where there are concerns that a child or adult is at serious risk of harm or it is believed that a crime has been committed.

Please contact any member of the committee if you need any help or advice.