

Safeguarding Policy for Reading West AIWAKAI

Purpose

The purpose of this safeguarding policy is to ensure the welfare of all members, especially children and vulnerable adults, within Reading West AIWAKAI. This document adheres to UK safeguarding guidelines.

Policy Statement

Reading West AIWAKAI is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. We will take all reasonable steps to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm, ensuring that they have the right to participate in karate in a safe environment.

Responsibilities

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** [Name and contact information] is responsible for safeguarding matters within the club.
 - **All Members:** Any member of the club witnessing or suspecting abuse must report it to the DSL.
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Code of Conduct

- Treat all members with respect and fairness.
 - Ensure that sessions are conducted safely and inclusively.
 - Avoid inappropriate physical contact and maintain professional boundaries.
 - Report any concerns promptly.
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Reporting Procedures

1. **Immediate Steps:** If a child is in immediate danger, contact local authorities (999).
 2. **Reporting Concerns:** Concerns should be reported to the DSL who will investigate the matter.
 3. **Confidentiality:** Information will be handled sensitively and shared only with those who need to know.
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Training

All staff, coaches, and volunteers must undergo safeguarding training. Regular updates will be provided to ensure compliance with current guidelines.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if legislation changes.

Signed:

Pete Evans
Club administrator
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For further information, please refer to the NSPCC guidelines or your local safeguarding authority.