

**This document is The British Horse Society's policy for Safeguarding Adults to be used by BRC Affiliated Riding Clubs.**

More advice is available <http://www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/safeguardingchildren>

East Mendip Riding Club is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment and accepts our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all adults involved in Equestrian Sport in accordance with the Care Act 2014.

East Mendip Riding Club fully adopts the BHS Safeguarding Adults Policy. The Policy can be downloaded from [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk)

## **Aims**

The aims of the East Mendip Riding Club Safeguarding Adults Policy are:

- To ensure that our sport is inclusive and make reasonable adjustments for any ability, disability or impairment, we will also commit to continuous development, monitoring and review
- To ensure all adults, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, disability, marital or civil partnership status, pregnancy or maternity, religion, race, ethnic origin, nationality or sexual orientation have the right to be protected from abuse and poor practice and to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment
- To recognise that ability and disability can change over time, such that some adults may be additionally vulnerable to abuse, for example those who have a dependency on others or have different communication needs
- To recognise that a disabled adult may or may not identify themselves or be identified as an adult 'at risk'
- To ensure that all allegations will be taken seriously and responded to quickly in line with The BHS Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures

These aims are based on the six principles of adult safeguarding from The Care Act:

**Empowerment** - People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent.

**Prevention** – It is better to take action before harm occurs.

**Proportionality** – The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

**Protection** – Support and representation for those in greatest need.

**Partnership** – Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

**Accountability** – Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

The policy and procedures are mandatory for everyone involved with East Mendip Riding Club. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the East Mendip Riding Club.

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The policy will be reviewed every three years or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- As a result of any other significant change or event by the Local Safeguarding Adults Board, BHS, BRC and BEF

### Centre Safeguarding Officer

East Mendip Riding Club will appoint a Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)

#### The role of the CSO is to:

- Work with others in the centre or club to ensure a positive adult-centred environment
- Ensure that their club or centre is aware of The British Horse Society's safeguarding policies, procedures and guidelines
- Ensure parents/carers are aware of the policy and procedures
- Receive queries and offer support regarding safeguarding concerns
- Undertake training, as necessary
- Promote training to club and centre support staff, members and volunteers
- Assist the club or centre to ensure that codes of conduct are in place for club staff, volunteers, coaches, young people and parents
- Ensure confidentiality is maintained and information is only shared on a "need to know" basis
- Respond to any allegations or complaints made from within your club or centre
- Communicate with centre or club management and The BHS Safeguarding team regarding concerns
- Maintain contact details for local adults social care and the police

### Training

Instructors/coaches, officials and volunteers working with adults may like to undertake the BEF approved safeguarding training (or recognised equivalent) course within the last three years. Ideally refresher training should be completed every three years via either the BEF approved online training portal or a further face to face course.

As a minimum the CSO must attend the required Safeguarding Training Course.

### Communication

East Mendip Riding Club will make available its Safeguarding Policy and Procedures to all officials, volunteers and their parents/carers and it will appear in full on the East Mendip Riding Club website.

East Mendip Riding Club will circulate to all new members and their parents/carers the name and number of the Club Safeguarding Officer.

All individuals involved with East Mendip Riding Club, no matter what role they participate in, must adhere to the Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct of East Mendip Riding Club.

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All individuals involved with East Mendip Riding Club must all sign to agree to uphold the Safeguarding Policy.

### **Further information and links**

East Mendip Riding Club Safeguarding Officer details:

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### **Useful links**

BHS Safeguarding Team

02476 840746

[safeguarding@bhs.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bhs.org.uk)

Confidential email: [cpleadofficer@bhs.org.uk](mailto:cpleadofficer@bhs.org.uk)

NSPCC – Tel: 0808 800 5000

Ann Craft Trust <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/>

Samaritans - Tel: 116 123

Age concern – Tel: 0800 678 1602

Documents

Please see BHS website for useful templates and documents

[www.bhs.org.uk/safeguardingchildren](http://www.bhs.org.uk/safeguardingchildren)

Criminal record check information

England and Wales

[www.bhs.org.uk/record-checks](http://www.bhs.org.uk/record-checks)

Scotland

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/working-with-the-law/criminal-record-checks-england-and-wales/scotland>