

EQUIVALENT CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING GUIDANCE

Minimum Training requirement

An equivalent to the BCU Paddlesafe on line resource is the NSPCC EduCare Child Protection Awareness programme – Keeping Children Safe in Sport. This offers basic introduction to safeguarding and child protection but is not a substitute for where direct delivery is required.*

If individuals are unable to access the Paddlesafe online course we recommend this as an alternative. It is the same programme currently used by Scouting UK. Unfortunately there is no BCU subsidy for this course which currently costs £27.50+ VAT. More details from <http://www.educare.co.uk>.

**Individuals who work regularly or alone with children should undertake the Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop or a basic safeguarding workshop as described below.*

Basic Safeguarding Workshops

We appreciate that individuals may have undertaken safeguarding courses through work or such like. The following indicates the requirements for a course to be recognized as an equivalent.

1. Courses must involve a minimum of 3 hours direct delivery.
2. A certificate from the course is available to prove attendance.
3. The course includes the following training outcomes so that coaches are able to:
 - identify situations and practices that might constitute either poor practice or possible abuse
 - identify ways of dealing with your own feelings about child abuse and state what constitutes neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse
 - recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and appreciate why reporting it is often so difficult
 - identify appropriate action if a child discloses he/she has been abused
 - identify appropriate action if abuse is suspected and explain the role and responsibilities of other experts (e.g. police, social services)
 - describe appropriate practice that reduces the likelihood of abuse occurring.

Time to Listen Workshop – for Club and Event Welfare Officers

This is a BCU/NSPCC workshop and as such there is no equivalent. However, if a designated officer has attended a Time to Listen Workshop with another sport – then you would just need to attend the canoeing specific bit of the BCU workshop and provide you with the relevant resources. If this is the case please contact the office so we can help you make arrangements email development@bcu.org.uk or contact your Paddlesport Development Officer.

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