



Dawlish Town Council

Events Safeguarding

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults at a Dawlish Town Council Event

A person is defined as a child, legally, until their eighteenth birthday. So, they remain the responsibility of their parents/carers, even if that person is not present at the event.

A vulnerable adult could be considered as a person who is, or maybe in need of care services because of mental or physical disability, age or illness. Or they are not be able to take care of themselves or are unable to protect themselves against harm or exploitation.

Dawlish Town Council (DTC) is responsible for safeguarding the children and vulnerable adults attending its events, so DTC will:

- Ensure its staff, volunteers, stewards and paid contractors are clear about their individual behavior and responsibilities regarding the safety and enjoyment of visitors particularly children and vulnerable adults through its recruitment, hiring, training and briefings.
- Make sure the event areas are safe and promote an enjoyable experience.
- Ensure that all suspicions and or allegations of abuse will be properly investigated and dealt with appropriately and quickly and referred to the relevant agencies.
- DTC will ensure all volunteers, stewards and paid contractors aware of signs and symptoms of possible safeguarding issues for example if you frequently see children/young adults unaccompanied at events
- DTC will ensure all volunteers, stewards and paid contractors are aware of its safeguarding documents and procedures, this is the Event Organisers responsibility.
- All volunteers, stewards and paid contractors have responsibility to maintain appropriate standards of behavior and to report lapses in these standards to the Event Organiser
- All volunteers, stewards and paid contractors should report public allegations of inappropriate behavior towards children and vulnerable adults to the Event Organiser.



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Dawlish Town Council (DTC) wishes to protect its staff, volunteers, stewards and paid contractors from any unfair allegations at the same time as empowering them to be able to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults so it advises them to:

- Approach any children or vulnerable adult in apparent distress and offer help but they should not be alone when this is done and should be clearly visible in the public space
- Seek assistance from other volunteers and stewards in any situation involving children or vulnerable adults so 1:1 contact is minimised.
- Be aware of the danger from others and explore situations that seem suspicious
- Be aware of unaccompanied children and communicate instruct the DTC lost child procedure when required.
- Report any suspicion of inappropriate conduct immediately to the Event Organiser

Dawlish Town Council staff, volunteers, stewards and paid contractors will not:

- Touch or in anyway engage in unnecessary or inappropriate physical contact with a child or vulnerable adult.
- Physically restrain a child or young person or vulnerable adult except in exceptional circumstances for example to prevent injury to themselves or others.
- Make inappropriate or suggestive comments or gestures or use foul, abusive or racist language.
- Physically assault or abuse any visitor to the event
- Do things of a personal nature for children that they can do themselves or that their supervising adult can do for them.
- Treat any child or vulnerable adult for first aid without the presence and consent of a supervising adult.

Any safeguarding concerns at events should be documented using the safeguarding report form



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