



Moray Firth Coastal Partnership Safeguarding Policy – Children & Vulnerable Adults

SAFEGUARDING POLICY – CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION POLICY & GUIDANCE

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Introduction

This policy aims to outline the **Moray Firth Coastal Partnership's** commitment to safeguarding the welfare of all children and vulnerable adults. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm, abuse and exploitation.

Scope

For the purposes of this policy, a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years of age. A vulnerable adult is someone who is unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation. Staff and volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people. This document outlines **Moray Firth Coastal Partnership's** commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults.

These guidelines are based on the following principles:

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is a primary concern.
- All children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from all forms of harm and abuse.
- Child and vulnerable adult protection is everyone's responsibility.
- Children and vulnerable adults have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so.
- Organisations shall work in partnership together with children and vulnerable adults and parents/carers to promote the welfare, health and development of children and vulnerable adults.



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Aims

Moray Firth Coastal Partnership will:

- Promote the health and welfare of children and vulnerable adults by providing opportunities for them to take part in activities safely.
- Respect and promote the rights, wishes and feelings of children and vulnerable adults.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the well-being of children and vulnerable adults and protect them from abuse.
- Recruit, train, support and supervise its staff, members and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children and vulnerable adults from exploitation, abuse and to reduce risk to themselves.
- Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by this Safeguarding Policy.
- Respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children and vulnerable adults in line with this Policy.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Policy.

Review

This Policy will be regularly reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children and vulnerable adults or following any changes within the **Moray Firth Coastal Partnership**.
- Following any issues or concerns raised about the protection of children and vulnerable adults within the **Moray Firth Coastal Partnership**.
- In all other circumstances, at least every three years.