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# **Code of Conduct for Coaches**

All Coaches involved in representing the Welsh Karate Governing Body Ltd (WKGB) at any events, meetings, displays or other activities, where the name and good standing of the WKGB are potentially at risk, *must* demonstrate behaviour of the highest order at all times.

- 1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the content of theirsport.
- 2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of the performer above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines laid down by their sport's Governing Body and hold appropriate insurance cover.
- 3. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, especially children/Adults at risk based on mutual trust and respect. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefitor reward.
- $4. \quad {\rm Coaches\,must\,encourage\,and\,guide\,performers\,to\,accept\,responsibility\,for\,their\,own\,behaviour.}$
- 5. Coaches should hold up to date Nationally recognised Governing Body Coaching qualifications.
- 6. Coaches must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of the individual.
- 7. Coaches should at the outset clarify with performers, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and what performers are entitled to expect from the coach.
- 8. Coaches should co-operate fully with other specialists e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, and physiotherapists in the best interest of the performer.
- 9. Coaches should always promote the positive aspects of their sport e.g. fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
- 10. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.

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# **Code of Conduct for Young People**

As a member of the WKGB and/orits member association you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children /young people are expected to:

- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- Be supportive and committed to other team members
- Keep yourself safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach.
- Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions
- Show respect to others and show team spirit
- Take care of equipment owned by the club (and the WKGB)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chatrooms or texting
- Notgetinvolvedininappropriate peerpressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Keeptoagreedtimingsfortrainingandcompetitionsorinformtheircoachorteammanagerif they are going to be late
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Not smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club

# **Code of Conduct for Parents / Carers**

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and work within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with Instructors.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in a martial art.
- Setagood example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept Officials and Instructors judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their martial art.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Leave the coaching to the Coaches.
- Ensure mobile phones are turned off during your child's session.
- Actively discourage breaches of conduct in other parents.

### **Equity Policy**

#### **Statement of Intent**

The *Welsh Karate Governing Body* is fully committed to the principles of the equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no job applicant, employee, volunteer, competitor, child/young person receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, ethnic status, parental/marital status, nationality, religious belief, political persuasion, social background and sexual preference.

#### Legal Requirements:

The *Welsh Karate Governing Body* is required by law, not to discriminate against its employees, members, or volunteers and recognises its legal obligation under the following acts and subsequent revisions.

- Equal Pay Act1970.
- Sex Discrimination Act1975.
- Race Relations Act1976.
- Disability Discrimination Act1995.
- Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- Children's Act 2004.

#### Types of Discrimination:

Discrimination can take the following forms:

**Direct Discrimination** - This means treating some one less favourably than you would treat others in the same circumstances.

**Indirect Discrimination** - This occurs when a job requirement or condition is applied equally to all, which has a disproportionate and detrimental effect on one group.

The *Welsh Karate Governing Body* is fully committed to equality of opportunity and where decisions are made about an individual, the only personal characteristics taken into account will be those which, as well as being consistent with relevant legislation are necessary to the performance of the sport.

Harassment - Can be described as inappropriate actions, behaviour, comments or physical contact that is objectionable or causes offence to the recipient.

The *Welsh Karate Governing Body* is committed to ensuring that all staff, volunteers, and competitors can conduct their activities in an environment that is free from harassment or intimidation.

A copy of this document will be available to all staff, members, competitors, and volunteers. Appropriatedisciplinaryactionwillbetakenagainstanyemployee, memberorvolunteerwhoviolatesthe *Welsh Karate Governing Body* Equity Policy.

### **Guidelines for Transporting Children & Adults at Risk**

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children / adults at risk are to be transported by coach the following should be considered:

- Use a reputable company providing transport and necessary insurance.
- Ensure sufficient supervisors are on each coach.
- All participants have a seat and seat belt regulations are adhered to.
- Parents/carers are issued with detailed information of pick up and drop off points and times.
- All supervisory staff are issued will all relevant information of passengers e.g. name/contact number, pick up/drop off point, name of parent/carer to collect, emergency telephone number.
- Participants are not to be left unsupervised i.e. dropped off and a parent/carer is not there.

If children / adults at risk are to be transported by air the following should be considered:

- Use a reputable company providing transport and necessary insurance.
- Ensure sufficient supervisors are present.
- Parents/carers are issued with detailed information of
  - Flight details
  - Hotel arrangements
  - Pick up and drop off points and times
  - Emergency contact information of support team
- All supervisory staff are issued will all relevant information of passengers e.g. name/contact number, pick up/drop off point, name of parent/carer to collect, emergency telephone number.

Under any circumstances should a Coach / supervisor transport a child or adult at risk in their own.

### Supervision of Children and Adults at Risk

Prevention is the most important aspect of supervision of children and young people. From the moment the child /adultatrisk arrives at the event, staff and volunteers are acting in Loco Parentis and have a duty of care towards them.

Appropriate supervision ratios and systems for monitoring the whereabouts of children/adults at risk are essential. It must always be clear, who in the team is responsible for supervision. This is particularly important where events are held on large sites and at residential venues.

For events involving children under the age of 8, the supervision ratios are set out in **Out of School Care** (available to download on <u>www.ofsted.gov.uk</u>). For children over the age of 8, experience has shown that a ratio of one adult to 10 participants is the minimum required.

The supervisor must ensure that there is clear guidance on reporting missing participants. Generally, where a child is reported missing there should be a maximum of 20 minutes before the police are called. This may need to be reduced where a young child is involved.

For residential events, it is recommended that the event coordinator has access of photos of children/adultsatrisk(attachedtotheirconsentform) in the event of them having to report a participant missing to the police.

### **Anti-Bullying Policy**

Bulling is not easy to define, can take many forms and is usually repeated over a period. The three main types of bulling are: physical (e.g. hitting, kicking), verbal (e.g. racist remarks, threats, name calling), emotional (e.g. isolating an individual from activities). The bullying may take one or all forms of the aforementioned. They will include:

- Deliberate hostility and aggression towards the victim.
- A victim who is weaker than the bully or bullies.
- An outcome which is always painful and distressing for the victim.

Bullying behaviour may also include:

- Other forms of violence.
- Sarcasm, spreading rumours, persistent teasing or theft.
- Tormenting, ridiculing, humiliation.
- Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures.
- Unwanted physical contact or abusive/offensive comments of a sexual nature.

Emotional and verbal bullying is more likely however it is more difficult to cope with or prove. It is of paramount importance that all clubs develop their own anti bullying policy to which all its members, coaches, players, staff and volunteers and parents subscribe to and accept.

Every club should be prepared to:

- Take the problemseriously.
- Investigate any incidents.
- Talk to bullies and victims separately.

Decide on appropriate action, such as:

- Obtain an apology from the bully(ies) to the victim.
- Inform parents of the bully(ies).
- Insist on the return of items 'borrowed' or stolen.
- Insist bullies compensate the victim.
- Hold club discussions on bullying.
- Provide support for the coach of the victim.
- Remind all members of the Code of Conduct they are required to follow.

### Photographic/ Recorded Images

While the *WelshKarateGoverningBody* recognizes that publicity and pictures/recordings of children and Adults at riskenjoying *Karate* are essential to promote the sport and a healthy lifestyle, the following rules should be observed:

- Ensure parents/guardian/children/Adults at risk have granted their consent for the taking and publication of photographic images and have signed and returned the Parent/Guardian and young Permission Form.
- All children/Adults at risk must be appropriately dressed, for the activity taking place.
- Photography or recording should focus on the activity rather than a person and personal details, which might make the child/Adult at risk vulnerable, such as their exact address should never be revealed.
- Anyone taking photographs or recording must have a valid reason for doing so and seek permission from the organisers/person in charge.
- They should make themselves known to the event organiser/person in charge and be able to identify themselves if requested during the event.
- Club's or organisations' coaches should be allowed to use video equipment as a legitimate coaching aid and means of recording special occasions however care should be taken in the dissemination and storage of the material.
- Participants and parents must be informed that a photographer/camera person will attend an event and ensure consent to both taking and publishing is given.
- Do not allow unsupervised access to players with photographers/camera people or one to one photo sessions at events.
- Parents and spectators taking photographs/recordings should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming.
- Parents, children/Adults at risk should be informed that if they have any concerns, they should report them to the event organiser or official and recorded in the same manner as any other child protection concern.



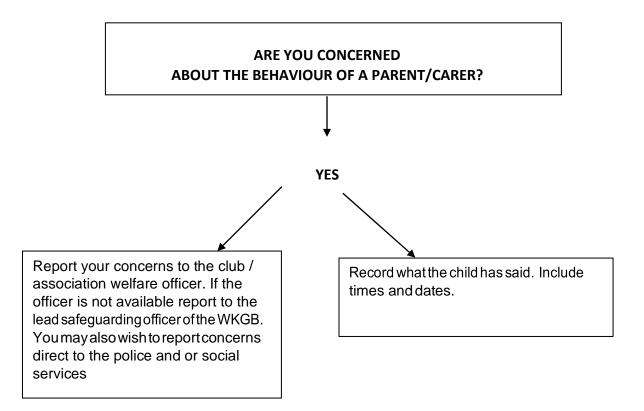
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# Parent/Guardian Permission Form for the use of Photographs and Recorded Images at WKGB Events

I	(insert parent/carer full name)
Consent to the photographing/vide	
Karate Governing Body Safeguarding this consent.	(name of young person) Under the <i>Welsh</i> g and Best Practice guidelines and I confirm that I am legally entitled to give
I also confirm order.	(name of child/Adult at risk) is not under a court
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	
Date:	
Ι	(name of child Adult at risk) consent to the
photographing/videoing and public Governing Body Safeguarding and B Signatureof Athlete:	
Date:	
Please return this form to:	
	Welsh Karate Governing Body 63 Ashcroft Crescent Fairwater Cardiff CF5 3RL admin@welshkarate.org.uk

### **Responding to Concerns About Parent/Carer**

This guide is designed to inform the most appropriate action in relation to concern sabout a parent or carer.



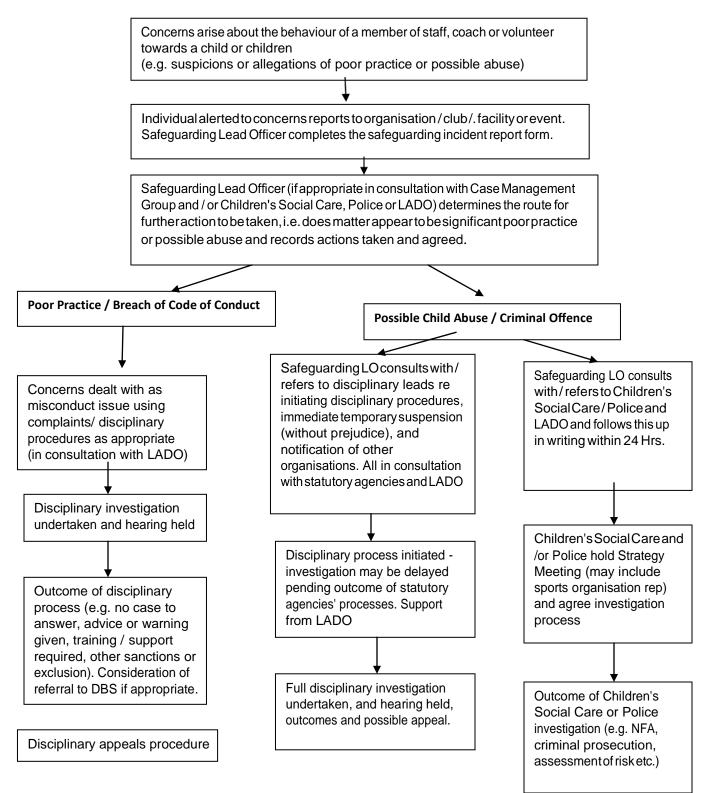
**Remember:** 

- Maintain confidentiality.
- Ensure the person in charge follows up with the police and or social services.

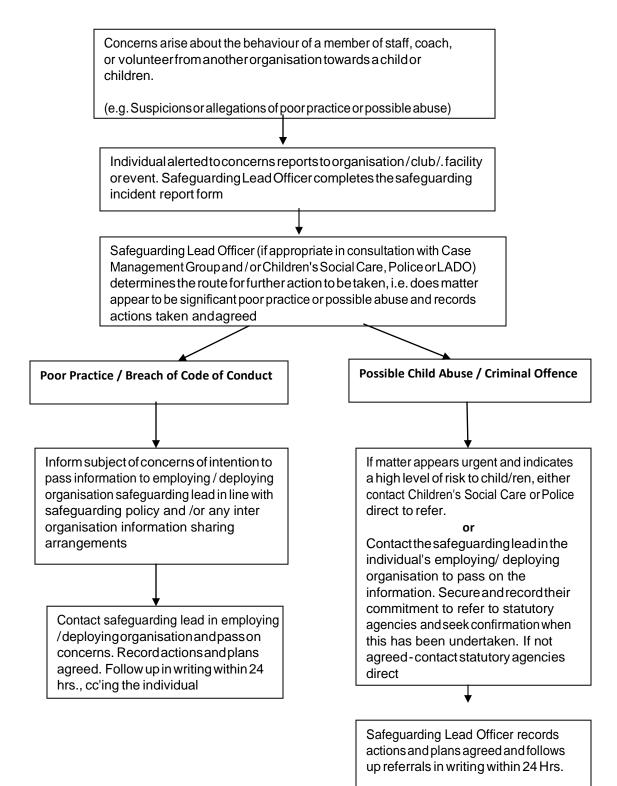
#### Outline safeguarding reporting procedure concerns. (Courtesy of CPSU)

1. About the behaviour of the organisation's staff member or volunteer.

(e.g. allegation about a coach or officers behaviour towards a child)



2. Concerns about the behaviour of another organisation's staff member or volunteer (e.g. allegations reported about an individual working for a partner organisation)



3. Concerns about children / young people arising out of sport (e.g. at home, school or in the community)

Memberofstaff, coach or volunteer made aware of concerns about child's welfare or safety. (e.g. suspicions of bullying at school, allegations of abuse within the family etc.) If child requires immediate medical attention arrange this and ensure that medic is informed that there may a child protection concern or allegation Member of staff, coach or volunteer reports to / consults with organisation/ club/facility or event Safeguarding Lead Officer, and completes the safeguarding incident report form and forwards a copy to the Safeguarding Lead Safeguarding Lead Officer, makes decision on immediate referral to or consultation with Children's Social Care or Police; records actions taken/agreed (including who will inform the parents) Safeguarding Lead Officer sends written safeguarding report to Children's Social Care/police within 24Hrs and considers need for support or advice for original referral or others involved.

#### **Incident Report Form**

Name of Child/Adult at risk:	Age/D.O.B.:	
Parent/Carer's Name:		
Home Address:		
Telephone Number:		

Are you reporting your own concerns or passing on those of someone else? Give details of witnesses.

Brief description of the concerns: include date, time, location etc. of specific incidents

Any physical signs? Behavioural Signs?

Have you spoken to the child/Adult at risk? If so what was said?

Have you spoken to the parent(s)? If so, what was said?

Has anyone been alleged to be the abuser? If so give details, including the relationship with the child. Have you consulted with anyone else? Give details.

Your name/position:

To whom reported and date of reporting? Give contact information for future reference.

Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward this form to:

### Welsh Karate Governing Body registered office 63 Ashcroft Crescent Fairwater Cardiff CF5 3RL

(Note any paper correspondence to be market private and confidential.)

### Welfare Officer (WO)/ Child Protection Officer (CPO)

Every WKGB Member Association should designate a person or persons to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the Protection of Children/Adults at Risk

Individual Member Association WO/CPO's WKGB role/responsibilities and how they can be contacted should be available to all association members. The Officer should ensure they are knowledgeable about Child/Adults at risk protection and that they undertake any training considered necessary to keep themselves updated on new developments.

#### Role:

- Establish contact with senior member of social services staff responsible for child protection in the organisations catchment area.
- Provide information and advice on child protection within the organisation.
- Ensure that the organisation's child protection/Adults at risk policy and procedures are followed and particularly to inform social services of relevant concerns about individual athletes.
- Ensure that appropriate information is available at the time of referral and that the referral is confirmed in writing.
- Liaise with social services and other agencies as appropriate.
- Keep relevant people within the organisation, particularly the head or leader of the organisation, informed about any action taken and any further action required.
- Ensure that an individual case record is maintained of the action taken by the organisation, the liaison with other agencies and the outcome.
- Advise the organisation of child protection training needs.

### **Disclosure & Barring Service**

(Formerly the Criminal Records Bureau)

The Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) enables employers of private paid and voluntary organisations in England and Wales to do checks related to the applicant's suitability to work with children. Access to the DBS is available to all organisations working with children and Adults at risk, either directly as registered bodies or through 'umbrella' organisations. Should any

 ${\sf WKGB}\,member\,wishto\,obtain\,further\,details\,on\,{\sf DBS}\,access\,they\,should\,contact$ 

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#### WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY

#### Introduction

The Welsh Karate Governing Body Ltd (WKGB) is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for adults, children and young people to participate in Karate in Wales and recognises its responsibility to promote a safe environment for any concerns to be reported without fear of reprisal.

Whistle-blowing is an early warning system. It is about revealing and raising concerns over misconductor malpractice within an organisation or within an independent structure associated with it.

The Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 protects those who raise legitimate concerns about specified matters. It makes provision about the kinds of disclosure that may be protected and the circumstances in which disclosures are protected.

This policy is therefore intended to comply with the Act by encouraging everyone in Welsh Karate to make disclosures about fraud, misconduct or wrong doing to the sport of Karate and anyone within it, without fear of reprisal, so that problems can be identified, dealt with and resolved quickly.

#### Principles

- Everyone should be aware of the importance of eliminating fraud or wrongdoing.
- You should report anything that you become aware of that is illegal
- Youwillnotbevictimisedordismissedforraisingalegitimatematterunderthis
  procedure
- Victimisation of a member for raising a qualifying disclosure under this procedure will be a disciplinary offence and dealt with under WKGB's disciplinary procedure
- Covering up someone else's wrong doing is also a disciplinary offence. Never agree to remain silent about a wrong doing, even if it is told to do so by a person in authority
- You will not be penalised for raising a qualifying disclosure even if it not upheld, unless the complaint was both untrue and made in bad faith
- It is not the responsibility of the person reporting the disclosure to investigate any complaint that responsibility lies with the WKGB.

- Confidentialityshouldbeupheldinlinewithlegislationandgovernmentguidanceand willbe maintained during the process to the extent that it is practical and appropriate in the circumstances
- Finally, maliciously making a false allegation is a disciplinary offence.

#### Aims and Scope of This Policy

This policy aims to:

- encourage all employees and members to feel confident in raising serious concerns and to question and act upon concerns
- provide avenues for you to raise concerns and receive feedback on any action taken
- ensure that you receive a response to your concerns and that you are aware of how to pursue them if you are not satisfied
- reassure you that you will be protected from possible reprisals or victimisation if you have a reasonable belief that you have made any disclosure in good faith.

#### **Qualifying Disclosures**

WKGB would expect any members or employee's to report any of the following:

- a criminal offence (including fraud)
- a failure to comply with a legal obligation
- a miscarriage ofjustice
- the endangering of an individual's health and safety
- damage to the environment
- deliberate concealment of information relating to any of the above.
- harassment or victimisation

Where the nature of the disclosure is not included in the above list, it should be made by way of the organisation's Grievance Procedure and not under the Whistle-Blowing Procedure.

Your belief must be reasonable, but it need not be correct. It might be discovered subsequently that you were infact incorrect, you would then be asked to show that you held the belief ingood faith and that it was are asonable one to hold in the circumstances at the time.

#### How to Raise a Concern

As a first step, you should normally raise concerns with your line manager. This depends, however, on the seriousness and sensitivity of the issues involved and who is suspected of the

malpractice. For example, if you believe a line manager is involved you should approach the President.

- Concerns should be raised in writing.
- The earlier you express the concern the easier it is to act

#### How WKGB Will Respond

WKGB will respond to your concerns. Where appropriate, the matter raised may:

- be investigated through the disciplinary process
- be referred topolice/ social services

To protect individuals and those accused of possible malpractice, initial enquiries will be made to decide whether an investigation is appropriate and, if so, what form it should take.

Concerns or allegations which fall in the scope of specific procedures, for example, Safeguarding and Protecting Children, will normally be referred for consideration under those specific policies and procedures.

#### **Disclosure Procedure**

- 1. If you wish to make a qualifying disclosure, you should in the first instance report the situation to an appropriate manager.
- 2. Such disclosures should be made promptly so that any investigation may proceed and any action taken quickly.
- 3. Any qualifying disclosure will be reported to the WKGB Disciplinary Officer who will Determine who will investigate the disclosure in accordance with the WKGB Disciplinary procedures.
- 4. Once an investigation has been conducted and completed, you will be informed in writing of the outcome and WKGB's conclusions and decision as soon as possible.
- 5. If you wish to appeal against WKGB's decision, you must do so in writing within five working days of the decision. On receipt of an appeal the WKGB Disciplinary officer will make arrangements to hear your appeal.
- 6. Following WKGB hearing your appeal, you will be informed in writing of the outcome and WKGB's conclusions and decision within five working days.
- 7. Once WKGB's decision has been finalised, any necessary action will be taken. If no action is to be taken, the reasons for this will be explained to you.
- 8. If, on conclusion of the above stages, you reasonably believe that appropriate action has

still not been taken, you may report the matter to the proper authority in good faith.

9. The Act sets out a few prescribed bodies or persons to which qualifying disclosures can be made. However, WKGBalways encourages members and staff to raise their concerns directly in the first instance, rather than externally

#### **Anonymous Allegations**

This policy encourages you to put you name to your allegation whenever possible. Concerns expressed anonymously are much less powerful but will be considered at the discretion of WKGB.

In exercising this discretion, the factors to be considered would include:

- the seriousness of the issues raised
- the credibility of the concern

#### **Recommended Legislation/Guidance & Publications**

The Children Act 1989. (England and Wales) www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/37/contents

The Data Protection Act 1984 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/35/pdfs/ukpga

The Human Rights Act 1998 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998

The Protection of Children Act 1999 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1999

Sexual Offences (Amendments) Act 2000 www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/44/con ents

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child <u>www.unicef.ork.uk/what-we-do/un-convention</u>

Working Together to Safeguard Children www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together

**Publications** 

SafeSportAway: a guide to planning www.cpsu.org.uk/resources/library/tools/safe-sport

Code of ethics and conduct for sports coaches icf-codeofethics-coachfederation.org.uk

Sports check: a step by step guide for sports organisations to safeguard children : <u>cpsu.org.uk</u>