



# ADULT SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

Rise & Climb is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all individuals, including adults, engaging in our climbing activities. This Adult Safeguarding Policy outlines our commitment to protecting the welfare and well-being of adults, preventing abuse, and responding effectively to any concerns or incidents.

## 2. Purpose

This policy is designed to:

- Safeguard adults participating in Rise & Climb activities.
- Establish a framework for identifying and responding to concerns about adult well-being.
- Foster a culture of openness, vigilance, and respect.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of staff, volunteers, and participants in ensuring adult safeguarding.

## 3. Definitions

- **Adult:** Any individual aged 18 and above participating in Rise & Climb activities.
- **Safeguarding:** Measures taken to protect the health, well-being, and rights of adults.
- **Abuse:** Any action or lack of action causing harm or distress to an adult.
- **Vulnerable Adult:** An adult in need of community care services due to disability, age, or illness, unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.



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## 4. Principles

Rise & Climb is guided by the following principles:

- **Empowerment:** Respect the rights of adults to make their own choices and decisions.
- **Prevention:** Proactively implement measures to prevent abuse and create a safe environment.
- **Proportionality:** Respond to safeguarding concerns in proportion to the risk of harm.
- **Partnership:** Collaborate with relevant agencies and individuals to safeguard adults effectively.

**Accountability:** Ensure all staff and volunteers are aware of their responsibilities and are held accountable for their actions

## 5. Responsibilities

- **Management:** The management team at Rise & Climb is responsible for implementing and overseeing this policy.
- **Staff and Volunteers:** All staff and volunteers must adhere to this policy, attend relevant training, and promptly report any concerns.
- **Participants:** Adults engaging in Rise & Climb activities should be aware of this policy and report any concerns they may have.

## 6. Reporting Concerns

Any individual with concerns about the well-being of an adult should report them to the designated safeguarding officer at Rise & Climb. All concerns will be treated confidentially, taken seriously, and investigated appropriately.



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## **7. Recruitment and Training**

Rise & Climb ensures that staff and volunteers undergo comprehensive recruitment checks and receive training on safeguarding procedures. This includes recognizing signs of abuse, understanding the reporting process, and promoting a culture of vigilance.

## **8. Code of Conduct**

A clear code of conduct is established for all staff, volunteers, and participants at Rise & Climb. This code emphasises respectful and appropriate behaviour towards adults, and any breaches will be addressed promptly.

## **9. Review and Monitoring**

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The effectiveness of the policy will be monitored through regular reviews, incident reports, and feedback from participants.

## **10. Conclusion**

Rise & Climb is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable climbing experience for all participants. This Adult Safeguarding Policy reflects our dedication to safeguarding adults and promoting their well-being. All staff, volunteers, and participants are expected to familiarise themselves with and adhere to this policy.