



# Safeguarding in Football is Everyone's Responsibility

Led by a network of over 85 Club Welfare Officers in Cornwall, our clubs aim to provide a safe and fun environment for all.

Parents if you want to play your part, we would encourage you to ask your child's club the following questions:

- Is my child's coach Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked, FA trained and qualified?
- How can I get a copy of the clubs safeguarding policy and procedures?
- Who is the Club Welfare Officer (CWO) for my child's team and how do I contact them?
- What is the role of the Club Welfare Officer?
- What should I do if I have a complaint?
- If I have a concern about a child or someone's behaviour towards a child what should I do?

**Cornwall FA would not expect clubs to:**

- Discourage you from staying to watch or becoming involved (unless due to Covid guidelines)
- Allow club officials to operate independently from the club
- Have coaches show favouritism or personally rewarding specific children
- Accept inappropriate physical contact between coaches and players
- A win at all costs attitude that impacts a child's well being
- Have coaches who invite players to spend time alone with them or to visit or stay in their home

In the first instance please contact your Club Welfare Officer (CWO).

If you require further assistance please contact Cornwall FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Claire Summers-Evans  
[safeguarding@cornwallfa.com](mailto:safeguarding@cornwallfa.com) 01208 262989 or 07533953351

You can also visit the safeguarding section on the Cornwall FA website: <https://www.cornwallfa.com/safeguarding-and-welfare>

