

CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY – TEMPLATE

1 [Club name] is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children for which it has a duty of care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children of all backgrounds from harm, abuse and exploitation.

2 Club officers and other members will work together to respect the rights of children who are members or guests of the club.

3 The policy is based on the following principles:

- a. The welfare of children when involved in club activities is the primary concern
- b. Child protection is everyone's responsibility
- c. Children have the right to express views on all matters which affect them, should they wish to do so

4 [Club name] will:

- a. Adopt and implement the Mountaineering Scotland [or its own] Child Protection Policy and relevant procedures as necessary
- b. Appoint a designated officer and to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risk to themselves and other members
- c. Support the designated officer to respond to any allegations of misconduct or abuse of children in line with this policy and relevant procedures
- d. Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy and relevant procedures

5 Review

This Policy and relevant procedures will be regularly reviewed:

- a. In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection of children or following any relevant changes within [Club name].
- b. Following any concerns raised about the protection of children within [Club name].
- c. In all other circumstances, at least every three years.