



Guelph Soccer Child Safety Policy

Purpose

Guelph Soccer acknowledge its responsibility to safeguard all minors that are entrusted into the care of the organization. The Club is committed to providing a safe environment for all of our members.

Policy

The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.

All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

All suspicion and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Working in partnership with other organizations, children and young people and their parents/caregivers is essential.

We acknowledge that every child or young person who plays or participates in soccer should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice and abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in our Club.

This policy applies to all members of our Club. All current volunteer with direct access to children must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Screen with Guelph Police Services or the volunteer's local police station.

A Code of Conduct to Protect Children has been implemented by the Club which outlines that all employees and volunteers must report suspected child abuse, inappropriate behaviour or incidents that they become aware of, whether the behaviour or incidents were personally witnessed or not.