



Safeguarding Policies and Procedures – A Short Guide for Club Members

CRAY VALLEY GC is an affiliated member of England Golf which, amongst other things, allows it to award and maintain handicaps.

England Golf requires all affiliated clubs in England to adopt its Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. or risk losing its affiliation and hence its ability to award and maintain handicaps.

CRAY VALLEY GC is committed to ensure that the sport of golf is one within which all children, young people and adults at risk have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

You might be thinking **“What has safeguarding got to do with me?”**

Government guidance makes it clear that ‘Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility’.

All club members have a part to play in making that happen.

It is the responsibility of every member to protect young people and adults from abuse or bullying.

All adults should contribute to the club meeting its overall duty of care, be aware of our club’s safeguarding policy, and know what to do if they are concerned about a safeguarding issue.

CRAY VALLEY GC asks our members to

- **Familiarise yourself with the CRAY VALLEY GC Safeguarding Policies.**

Although the policies are largely common sense, they do advise members what to do if they have a concern.

A summary of the policies is provided below.

The full copy of the CRAY VALLEY GC Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, together with the Safeguarding Adults Policy, is available in a folder in the pro-shop.

1. CRAY VALLEY GC Codes of Conduct

Adults should always be aware that age related differences exist and conduct themselves in a manner that both recognises this and prioritises the welfare of children and young people.

2. Anti-Bullying Policy

CRAY VALLEY GC believe that every effort must be made to eradicate bullying in all its forms. The Club will not tolerate bullying in any of its forms during club matches, competitions, coaching or at any other time while at the club.

3. Transport Policy

The club believes it is primarily the responsibility of parents/carers to transport their child/children to and from events.

4. Changing Room Policy

The changing rooms are used by all members & visitors. Wherever possible adults will avoid changing or showering at the same time as children, but parents will be made aware that with limited changing room space there will be occasions when adults and children may need to share the facilities. Where a parent/carer does not consent to their child accessing the changing rooms, it is their responsibility to either supervise the child while in the changing rooms or ensure that they do not use them.

5. Photography, Videoing and the use of Social Media Policies

Think very carefully before contacting a young person via mobile phone, e-mail or social media.

Do not accept children as contacts on social networking sites if you hold a position of trust with children/young people.

In general stick to group communications, copy the communication to a parent and only communicate about organisational matters.

What should I do if I'm concerned about a child, young person or vulnerable adult?

If you are concerned, it is not your responsibility to investigate further, but it is your responsibility to act on your concerns and share them.

Pass the information to CRAY VALLEY GC Welfare Officer who will follow the club's Safeguarding procedures.

Name: Eve Baldry

Email Address: evebaldry36@gmail.com

Telephone Number: 07960 655433

If you believe the child is at immediate risk of harm, call the Police.

Other useful contacts:

NSPCC 24-hour helpline Tel: 0808 800 5000 | England Golf Lead Safeguarding
Officer 01526 351824