



Child Safeguarding Statement

WWKC provides water sports activities and opportunities for young people through participation in pool sessions, river trips, competitions, and training courses organised through our club and Canoeing Ireland.

WWKC is committed to safeguarding children. Working under the guidance of the Canoeing Ireland Safeguarding Policies and relevant legislation, our instructors, coaches, and members, interacting with our youth members throughout the club, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop and to enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and associated water activities.

WWKC's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and gives the required policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories:

- 1) Club and Coaching Practices; 2) Complaints & Discipline; 3) Reporting Procedures; 4) Use of Facilities; 5) Recruitment; Communications; 6) General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on March 28th 2024.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 (and subsequent acts), the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

WWKC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by members or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe enrolment of members and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

The Children's Officer for WWKC is Paul Kerr. junior@wwkc.net, 086 813 1138

The Designated Liaison Person for WWKC is Elizabeth Sullivan. dlp@wwkc.net, 086 352 4679

The Mandated/Relevant Person for WWKC is Conor McGuire. chairperson@wwkc.net, 086 171 4334

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on February 1st 2025

Signed: Conor McGuire

Conor McGuire (Chairperson)

Date: 28/3/2024

Signed: Paul Kerr

Paul Kerr (Child Development and Protection Officer)

Date: 28/3/2024