



FC HALIFAX TOWN

Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION REMINDERS

The FA RESPECT strategy outlines that a certain standard of organisation and behaviour is expected from everyone in football - whether as a league official, player or parent, club official or coach, and also the referee.

RESPECT is all about creating a fun, safe environment and its core principles work in tandem with Safeguarding Children/Young People. Anyone who has a concern about the welfare of a child, young person or the behaviour of an adult towards a child or young person under 18 years of age in football can report it.

There are five ways to report a concern:

1. To your club or league Designated Safeguarding Officer:

Youth Team Safeguarding Lead

Steve Nichol
07572 154 200
stevenichol@fchalifaxtown.com

Club Welfare Officer

Tony Allan
01422 341 222
tonyallan@fchalifaxtown.com

2. To your County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer. A list of all County FA contact details is available at TheFA.com/my-football/more/county-fa:

Designated Safeguarding Officer

Paul Ratcliffe
Paul.Ratcliffe@Westridingfa.com

3. The FA Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@TheFA.com or 0800 169 1863

4. If urgent and you cannot contact your club, league or County Safeguarding Officer, you should call the NSPCC 24-hour helpline on 0808 800 5000.

5. If it is an emergency because a child or children are at immediate risk, then call the Police or Children's Social Care in your area. Any information provided will only be shared with those who need it in order to ensure the safety of the children/young people concerned.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Safeguarding also includes social networks, the internet, texts, email and mobile technology within football. These platforms should ensure you can safely get the information you need. See the guidance below to ensure they are used safely.

- Tell an adult you trust about any communications that make you feel uncomfortable or that asks you not to tell your parent/carer
- Know who from your club should be contacting you and how they should be contacting you
- You can talk to your coach, youth team safeguarding lead or club welfare officer if you are unhappy about anything sent to you or said about you over the internet, social networking sites, texts or email.
- Don't post, host, text or email things that are hurtful, insulting offensive, abusive, threatening, or racist as this would go against the football rules and could also be against the law.
- Don't give out personal details including mobile numbers, email addresses or social networking account access to people you don't know well offline
- Even if you get on with your coach, manager, club officials, adult referees or mentors, don't invite them to become your friends online, they have been asked not to accept such invitations

If you have any concerns of online sexual abuse (including posting of indecent pictures) or grooming online use the contacts listed above. Alternatively, CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) is a specialist organisation that can provide support.

CEOP www.ceop.police.uk