

## Changing Room Policy

The club has a duty of care to safeguard children and has a responsibility for the wellbeing of children in the changing rooms. This does not mean that parents/guardians have no responsibility, but parents/guardians are often not in the pool complex at the time when children are swimming and training to exercise their duty of care. For this reason, the club has a responsibility for safeguarding children while training and while they are in the changing rooms.

While a child is training, they are under the responsibility and duty of care of the coach. If a child leaves the pool area, the coach should be made aware of this. If the child fails to return within a reasonable time, or appears to be upset upon leaving the poolside, the coach should request a suitable official to check on them.

If a complaint is received about an incident that has occurred in the changing room between a member of the club and any other person, the club has a duty to act upon that concern as appropriate.

As a parent/guardian you need to be aware that the changing rooms at Parkside may be shared by both club members and members of the general public.

The changing rooms do have separate male and female changing room facilities. In the event of one of these changing rooms being cleaned they will be asked to use the family changing rooms. Please note that the male and female changing rooms are never cleaned at the same time.

Masters' members should be encouraged to use their own area wherever possible, when changing at the same time as children. Where this is not possible adults are to be reminded to change in an appropriate fashion and be mindful that they are changing with children.

Parents/guardians should not be alone in the changing rooms whilst children are changing, unless there is a special need for that adult to be there.

It is clearly signposted that children and adults must not use their mobile phones in the changing facility area.

Anyone (including other children) sexually assaulting others, or taking indecent images of children, including over/under adjoining cubicles, of example, renders themselves liable to arrest, prosecution and registration as a Sex Offender.