



KEY CHANGES TO WAVEPOWER 2024

Wavepower is Swim England's safeguarding policy and procedures document.

Full document available at: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>

Adult safeguarding

Currently, Wavepower is the Swim England safeguarding policy and procedures document for child safeguarding and did not cover the important, and developing, area of adult safeguarding. For the first time, Wavepower will include an adult safeguarding policy as well as directions on reporting concerns at adults at risk of harm.

Safeguarding changing rooms

Wavepower's changing room policy prohibits taking photographs with a camera or mobile device in changing areas. This will change in the updated version of Wavepower to prohibit all use of a mobile phone or device in a changing area during Swim England regulated activity.

Approved training

From 2024, anyone who holds a role which Wavepower states requires safeguarding training will need to complete the Swim England Safeguarding course. This is a bespoke course which covers the important and unique aspects of safeguarding in an aquatic environment.

Safer recruitment

Wavepower's update will clarify Swim England's position on safer recruitment of *paid roles in regulated activity*, and it will be mandatory to follow the full safer recruitment actions contained in this policy.

The role of the welfare officer

It will no longer be 'best practice' but mandatory that the welfare officer of an organisation is not related to, or in a close relationship with, either the chair/owner/proprietor, or a coach/swimming teacher of the organisation they are the welfare officer for.



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Please contact Vicky with any safeguarding concerns.