



Child Protection Policy Statement

Barking and Dagenham Aquatics is committed to complying with procedures and guidelines produced by the ASA Child Protection Working Party in conjunction with the NSPCC.

Barking and Dagenham Aquatics believes that the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly, when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone in swimming, administrator, club official, coach, parent, friend, children themselves, can help.

All our coaches, teachers' team managers and poolside helpers have been issued with copies of these procedures and guidelines, have undergone CRB checks and are registered on the ASA Child Protection Database. A copy of these procedures and guidelines is available via any committee member or the Barking and Dagenham or ASA websites.

Lead coaches and some committee members have attended the Sports Coach UK Safe Guarding and Protecting Children course 2008.

ASA SwimLine

Who is the ASA SwimLine for?

This service is provided for anyone involved in swimming, including children and young people who believe that the welfare of a child is at risk. This could be neglect or abuse, bullying or fear of someone, or anything that is worrying you or you don't know who to discuss this with.

Who will take the call and what happens?

When you ring you will hear a message. This will explain how to speak to someone urgently, and enable you to be transferred straight away to the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline, or if more convenient arrange for someone to call you back. The person who calls you back will be a trained member of the ASA Child Protection Group.

Other things you should know

SwimLine calls are free and do not appear on itemised bills unless the call is made from a mobile phone. SwimLine does not use the 1471 code or any other return call or call display facilities.

You can call the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline direct on 0808 800 5000.

If you have a textphone you can call the NSPCC on 0800 056 0566.

You can call the ASA on 01509 618700.

Safeguarding Policy Statement

Barking and Dagenham Aquatics is committed to a club environment in which all children* participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this, the club agrees to:

- Adopt and implement the ASA Wavepower 2009/11 policy in full.
- Recognise that all children participating in Barking and Dagenham Aquatics (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to enjoy their involvement in swimming and be protected from harm and be in a safe environment.
- Ensure that those individuals who work with children in Barking and Dagenham Aquatics, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
- Appoint a Club Welfare Officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the ASA who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within Barking and Dagenham Aquatics.
- Ensure that the club Welfare Officer's name and contact details are known to all staff, members and parents* of members and be available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower 2009/11 guidance.
- Ensure all those persons who work with children in Barking and Dagenham Aquatics have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant CRB checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower 2009/11.
- Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the club have been through the ASA recruitment procedure.
- Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower 2009/11.
- Provide all club members and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare or protection.
- Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower 2009/11.
- Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
- Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.
- *Children are referring to all persons under the age of 18.
- "Parents" is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child concerned.