

Safe Guarding

The Search Surf School is committed to providing the best possible experience to our clients. This policy deals with the safeguarding and protection of children, young people and adults at risk. Children and young people are those under 18 years of age an adult at risk is defined as a person aged 18 and over who is unable to protect themselves from assault, abuse, neglect or harm.

What is Safeguarding?

One definition of the term safeguarding – which would also apply to adults at risk – is as follows: “Organisations working with children and young people take all reasonable measures to ensure that the risks of harm to the individual’s welfare are minimised; and where there are concerns about children and young people’s welfare, all agencies (and organisations) take all appropriate actions to address those concerns, working to agreed local policies and procedures, working in partnership with other local agencies”. From Children Act 1989 and Joint Chief Inspectors Report on Arrangements to Safeguard Children (2002) Statutory Framework.

The Search Surf School aims to meet legislative requirements and good practice in safeguarding. There are a number of statutory regulations which place a responsibility on the Surf School to protect young people and adults at risk. This statutory framework includes:

- The Children Act 2004, which is fundamental to professionals working with children and young people in the UK.
- The Protection of Children Act 1999 requires employers to carry out Criminal Record Checks before employees are allowed to come into contact with children.
- The Education Act 2002 requires that governing bodies of FE providers have a statutory duty to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- The Sexual Offences Act 2003 makes it is an offence for a person over 18 (e.g. a lecturer or other member of staff) to have a sexual relationship with a child under 18 where that person is in a position of trust in respect of that child, even if the relationship is consensual. This applies where the child is in full-time education and the person works in the same establishment as the child, even if s/he does not teach the child. Safeguarding Policy and Procedures 2014 Page 4
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 which sets out the type of activity in relation to children and adults at risk for which employers and individuals will be subject.