

Safeguarding Bulletin

February 2024

This Month's Focus – Safe Club Membership

It is important that we safeguard all of our members and this should begin when an individual applies to be a member of a club. You may wish to consider including the below into your membership application form if you don't already do so. It's good practice to review your membership data base annually to ensure all the information held on members is still current in case of any emergencies.

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Home / mobile telephone number
- Email address
- Next of kin name and contact details
- Medical history – this is important for safety and wellbeing.
- Self-Disclosure – it is important to establish if a membership could have a negative impact on a club and if any risk assessments / supportive measures need to be taken. Please contact your NGB if you require further support with this.
- Reference – it may be useful to include a reference to endorse the membership.
- Signature of the applicant.
- Date form completed.
- Privacy statement.
- Check ID but do not keep a copy – is this person really who they say they are?

BDA Web Audit

Is your club web page up to date with all safeguarding information, policies and resources? You can use our web audit to help you evaluate your page:

[BDA-club-website-audit.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Awareness Days

LGBT+ History Month - [LGBT+ History Month 2024 - LGBT+ History Month \(lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk\)](#)

February 1st – Time to Talk Day. Support for mental health - [Time To Talk Day - Time To Talk Day](#)

February 6th – Safer Internet Day - [Safer Internet Day 2024 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Safeguarding Training

All clubs should encourage their members and volunteers to attend relevant training courses to ensure that all children and vulnerable adults are safe within their clubs. Coaches and Safeguarding Officers are required to complete training as part of their role. Please follow the link to access training courses:

[Training - Bowls Development Alliance](#)



Do you know who to contact?

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Want to see a topic on our Safeguarding Bulletin? We would love your feedback! Please contact Helen Price.