

Safeguarding People

Policy Statement

Waterways Ireland is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults with whom we come in contact with through our business operations. We want everyone to avail of and enjoy the facilities and services offered by the organisation, safely and free from the threat of harm.

Waterways Ireland will not tolerate any form of abuse or harm wherever it occurs or whoever is responsible. The organisation is committed to promoting an atmosphere of inclusion, transparency and openness and welcomes feedback from the people who use our services, facilities and our staff with a view to how we may continuously improve our services and activities.

Through this policy Waterways Ireland aims to uphold these commitments by:

- Adhering to the Safeguarding People Policy and ensuring that it is supported by robust procedures.
- Creating and maintaining an environment which aims to ensure, as far as possible, that children and vulnerable adults who take part in our activities or avail of our services are kept safe from abuse and exploitation.
- Adopting best practice standards for dealing with children and vulnerable adults in the work environment.
- Implementing clear procedures to deal with concerns and complaints.

- Providing clear guidance for staff in the application of these practices and procedures.

Waterways Ireland Designated Safeguarding Officers

Two Designated Safeguarding Officers and an Assistant Designated Safeguarding Officer have been appointed under the Waterways Ireland Safeguarding People Policy & Procedures.

They are responsible for acting as a source of advice on safeguarding matters, for coordinating action within the organisation and liaising with the relevant health and social services authorities in each jurisdiction and other Agencies, such as the police, about suspected or actual cases of abuse.

They are also responsible for the promotion of the Safeguarding People Policy and ensuring that the Policy is supported by robust procedures.

Any incident, suspicion or allegation of abuse of a child or vulnerable adult should be reported immediately to one of the following officers:

Designated Safeguarding Officer

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Designated Safeguarding Officer

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer

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