

Rivertime Boat Trust

Protection of Vulnerable Children and Adults Policy

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The Trustees of the Rivertime Boat Trust recognise that it operates in an environment where child and vulnerable adult protection issues are increasingly high profile. Everyone working for the trust should pay due regard to safeguarding themselves by recognising and observing the following code of practice.

- All of our clients will have an approved code of practice for dealing with matters relating to child and vulnerable adult's protection, and we will expect the carers who come on-board Rivertime to make us aware of its existence and to be aware of our policy.
- At no time will children or vulnerable adults be allowed on-board without their carer.
- The Rivertime Trust expects the carers to take full responsibility without exception for all those in their care whilst on board Rivertime.
- This Code of Practice is issued not only for the protection and proper treatment of children and vulnerable adults but also to facilitate the protection of all personnel who work for the Rivertime Boat Trust.
- All personnel who work for the Trust will have a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) approval prior to working on-board the boat with children and vulnerable adults.

Guidelines

- At no time should any Rivertime personnel be alone on the boat with a child or vulnerable adult.
- Rivertime Personnel should not have physical contact with children and vulnerable adults except where it is absolutely necessary to avoid an accident or injury to themselves or others on board the boat or to avoid a collision. In the event of this happening a written record should be kept detailing the events, names and witnesses.
- All Rivertime personnel are encouraged at all times to be friendly and positive and to respond helpfully to all reasonable requests from the carers.
- Rivertime personnel are advised to consider very carefully any situation which could give rise to any allegation whatsoever and to completely avoid such situations.
- Should any Rivertime personnel have any concerns whatsoever they should report them immediately to the Operations Manager or other trustee.

I have read and understand the guide lines and agree that I will follow these at all times.

Name Signature

Date