



Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults Policy

Introduction:

Rivertime Boat Trust is a not-for-profit organisation, Charity Number is 1113992, whose registered office is Richmond House, Newlands Drive, Maidenhead, SL6 4LL. The Trust is managed by a Board of trustees, one of whom has responsibility for this policy.

As an organisation, we believe that no child or young person should experience abuse or harm and we are committed to protecting them. The purpose of this policy is to protect children and young people who receive any service from us by providing guidance and overarching principles to all Rivertime personnel. This safeguarding policy should be read together with the Health & Safety Policy

The Board expects all Rivertime personnel to comply with the following guidelines:

- The welfare of the vulnerable person is paramount
- All people, regardless of race, gender, religious beliefs, disability, age, sexual orientation, or identity, have a right to equal protection from harm
- Some people are more vulnerable to harm as a result of their circumstances, prior experiences, communication needs or level of dependency.
- To be friendly and positive and to respond helpfully to all reasonable requests from carers.
- Not have physical contact with children and vulnerable adults except where it is absolutely necessary or to avoid an accident or injury to themselves or others on board the boat. In the event of this happening, a written record should be kept detailing the events, names, and witnesses.
- To carefully consider 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 Director or Chair of Trustees.

RBT expects all visitors to Rivertime to comply with the following guidelines:

- All our clients will have their own approved code of practice for dealing with matters relating to child and vulnerable adult's protection. We will expect the carers who come on-board Rivertime to make us aware of any relevant issues and to be aware of our policy.
- We expect carers to take full responsibility for all those in their care whilst on board Rivertime.
- At no time will children or vulnerable adults be allowed on-board without a carer present.



We recognise that vulnerable people need protecting from the following situations:

- Sexual abuse and grooming
- Physical and emotional abuse and neglect
- Domestic violence
- Inappropriate supervision by staff or volunteers
- Crime
- Bullying, cyber bullying, acts of violence and aggression within our schools and campuses.
- Victimisation
- Self-harm
- Unsafe environments and activities
- Exploitation

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS):

- All personnel who work for the Trust will have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate that will be renewed every three years. CA copy of the certificate is retained by the Trust.
- The Board will take very seriously any allegation of impropriety on the part of any member of RBT. A member of Rivertime Boat Trust who discovers anything amiss should get in touch immediately with: Chair of Trustees, Christopher Barrett DL at boating@rivertimeboattrust.org.uk
- The Board will review the allegation and the likely risk to vulnerable people in full accordance with the rules and procedures of Rivertime Boat Trust.

Permission to use photos videos and quotes for marketing purposes:

No photographs / videos will be taken or published of anyone attending an excursion on Rivertime unless permission is sought. If any person has any concerns regarding this matter, they should contact RBT immediately.