

Title:	Safeguarding Policy
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Summary:

This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion, or faith.

This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Balsall Common Village Hall (BCVH) and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion, or neglect. The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All people associated with the Village Hall and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Responsibility of the Management Committee

The Management Committee will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use.

The Management Committee will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults attending their event or activity is primarily the responsibility of the hirers. The committee will ensure hirers are aware of the requirement for safeguarding qualifications and documents and hirers will be required to have appropriate documentation in place.

The Committee will ensure that hirers are made aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show.

The committee will investigate as appropriate any concerns or issues raised.

Responsibility of Hirers

Hirers must be aware of the requirement for safeguarding qualifications and documents such as but not limited to DBS, First Aid & Safeguarding certificates, and are required to have appropriate documentation in place for the activities they are undertaking.

Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and ensure appropriate supervision and arrangements are made.

Hirers are responsible for meeting their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show.

No gambling or adult entertainment of a sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.

Acceptance of the Village Hall's safeguarding policy is part of the agreed contract taken out on hiring the Hall.

Reporting concerns or Issues

The principal responsibility for safeguarding the users of BCVH's facilities rests with each hirer, any safeguarding concerns should be communicated in the first instance to secreary@balsallcommonvillagehall.org.uk. Where the concern relates to the Secretary of the management Committee these should be raised direct to the Chairman using chairman@balsallcommonvillagehall.org.uk