



3.1.2 Child and vulnerable adult protection policy

A.) This is the child protection policy for the Scottish Gliding Union, it is based on the BGA Child Protection Policy, ref. to point B) below.

It aims to:

- Establish clear lines of communication for any child protection issue.
- Avoid confusion for instructors, officials, clubs and volunteers.

There is a considerable body of legislation, government guidance and standards designed to ensure that children are safeguarded from harm. These include:

- *Children (Scotland) Act 1995*
- *Protection of Children Act (Scotland) 2003*
- *Human Rights Act 1998*
- *UN Convention on Rights of the Child*
- *Protecting Children and Young People: Framework of Standards*
- *Protecting Children: A Shared Responsibility (1998).*

Everyone who works with or around children, young people and vulnerable adults needs to be aware of the laws that aim to protect children from harm.

Should you have any queries relating to this policy, please contact any of the following:

Club Child Protection Officer	el: 07709 019602
Club Child Protection Deputy	el: 07821749631
BGA Child Protection Leader	el: 07880 547 176
BGA Office	el: 0116 289 2956

The policy is supported by the BGA Child Protection policy and set of procedures as set out in the BGA document *Child Protection Policy and Procedures* which is available from the club on request and can be downloaded from the BGA website.

If you should have any concerns about the immediate safety of a child or vulnerable adult, refer to sections 8-10 of the above document, but you should not delay; Children's Services and Police are always available.



Policy Statement

Scottish Gliding Union's Duty of Care

The Scottish Gliding Union recognises that sport can and does have a very powerful and positive influence on young people. Not only can it provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement; it can also develop valuable qualities such as self-esteem, leadership and teamwork. These positive effects can only take place if sport is in the right hands – in the hands of those who place the welfare of all young people first and adopt practices that support, protect and empower them.

Most youngsters happily and safely participate in sport under the watchful and concerned care of dedicated instructors and club members. However, the reality is also that abuse does take place in sport and in some cases members have been convicted. Every adult has a legal and moral responsibility to protect young people and disabled adults in sport from abuse.

The Scottish Gliding Union recognises that we have a duty of care towards young and vulnerable participants and can help to protect them from abuse. (From *Guidelines for Governing Bodies of Sport and Local Authorities*, Sports Coach UK (NCF), NSPCC.)

The Scottish Gliding Union recognises that for Child Protection purposes, a child refers to any person under the age of 16.

Principles

The Scottish Gliding Union recognises that:

- The welfare of young people and vulnerable adults is the primary concern.
- All young people whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- It is the responsibility of the child protection experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns.
- All incidents of suspicious poor practice and allegations should be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Summary of Partnership Responsibilities

Scottish Gliding Union

- Accepts the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their wellbeing and protect them from abuse.
- Respects and promotes the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and disabled adults.
- Recruits, trains and supervises its employees and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse and themselves against false allegations.
- Requires staff and members to adopt and abide by this Child Protection Policy and Good Practice Guidelines. Employed staff should abide by Scottish Gliding Union guidelines.
- Responds to allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.

It is intended that all employees and volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults will receive training to assist them in the recognition of abuse; the referral process; sensible working practices; and to identify 'appointed persons' within the BGA and at club level, whom staff can contact about child protection issues.

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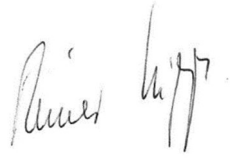
Operations Manual



This policy was adopted at a board meeting of Scottish Gliding Union, held on 4th February 2025.

Further details and definitions are incorporated in the SGU Volunteer Handbook.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee



Reiner Kipp

Role of signatory (e.g. Chairman etc)

Chairman

B) BGA Child protection Policy

The BGA CPP is available under this web link:

[BGA Child Protection Policy and Procedures – Pilot & Club Info](https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/policies/bga-child-protection-policy-and-procedures/)

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