

# Sharing a concern about a child

You have a concern about the safety of a child

Call 999 if urgent medical care or protection needed

Share your concern with a club officer or leader

The designated safeguarding lead for each YFC will then follow NFYFC's safeguarding procedure:

The concern involves immediate risk of significant harm

The concern involves a clear allegation of abuse by the child concerned

The concern does not involve immediate risk of significant harm

Contact Children's Social Care (and/or police for emergency protection)

Reflect, seek further information, seek advice, monitor, offer support, record decisions made and action taken

## Concerns about a volunteer or staff member

Any safeguarding concerns or allegations about a YFC volunteer or a staff member must be referred to the county safeguarding officer or NFYFC's safeguarding team.



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## Useful Contacts

County Office Safeguarding Officer

### NSPCC Child Protection Helpline

0800 800 5000 (24 hour)

#### Email:

[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

#### Website:

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### ChildLine Helpline

0800 1111 (24 hour)

#### Website:

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

### National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

YFC Centre  
Stoneleigh Park  
Kenilworth  
Warwickshire  
CV8 2LG

**Tel:** 024 7685 7200

**Email:** [reception@nfyfc.org.uk](mailto:reception@nfyfc.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.nfyfc.org.uk](http://www.nfyfc.org.uk)



# Safeguarding

## in Young Farmers' Clubs



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# Welcome to YFC

**Young Farmers' Clubs (YFCs) provide the opportunity for young people to develop and learn in a fun, safe environment by participating in a diverse and educational club programme, which has been put together by members. YFCs are open to any young person of any ethnic background, mental or physical capability and of any sex between the ages of 10 and 26.**

The full policy for the 'Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk' is available from the YFC's county office.

## Club officers and the supervision of under-18s

Meetings are organised and run by members, with the help of club leaders. The club officers, including chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and leader are elected annually and have overall responsibility for the club and the activities in which members take part.

At least two of the above officers will be at every club meeting or event as well as taking responsibility for the under-18s present that day or evening. These officers are DBS checked and have had to provide suitability and character references.

## Behaviour and discipline

All members are expected to behave appropriately. Where inappropriate behaviour has an impact on other members, the officer team will work with the member concerned. Parents will be contacted if more serious incidents occur.

Further information can be found in the Standards of Behaviour policy available from the County Office.

## Code of conduct

YFC members should:

- Act within the law
- Treat people equally and fairly, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or disability
- Be non-judgemental and have respect for others
- Look after one another and not use any form of peer pressure or bullying
- Refrain from offending others with foul language, anti-social behaviour or discriminatory behaviour
- Not allow any form of discrimination to be condoned or go unchallenged
- Respect the opinions of others and each other's personal space
- Co-operate with others and have a willingness to fulfil responsibility
- Respect property and other peoples' possessions
- Not bring the reputation of YFC into question or disrepute.



## Parental and photographic consent forms/permission slips

YFC members under the age of 18 will be required to complete a membership and consent form when they join. It is vital that the club holds a valid, up-to-date general consent form for each child.

These consent forms are updated on a regular basis and permission slips are used as an updating mechanism for specific trip/event arrangements (or termly if permission slips are not used) to ensure that the details on them remain correct.

## Communication with members

YFC will communicate with members in a variety of ways to make sure they are aware of the club's programme. Communication with children and young people will involve the parents. Communication arrangements are made locally between the club officers and the parents.

## Transport

It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to arrange transport for their child to get to and from the meetings/activities. Where YFC arranges transport, for example trips, they will arrange this with parents which is in line with the YFC transporting young people guidelines.