

Safeguarding Policy Statement



1. What is safeguarding?

- Safeguarding means keeping people safe from harm
- At Special Olympics Ireland, keeping athletes safe is very important to us



2. Everyone Has a Voice

- We want athletes to feel listened to
- We make sure everyone can speak up



3. Learning and Improving

- We always try to get better and learn
- We check our work and get feedback so we can improve



4. Following the Rules

- We follow the law in Ireland and Northern Ireland
- We work with groups like: Sport Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland, NSPCC, HSE



Safeguarding Team

5. Who Helps Keep People Safe?

- We have a full-time Safeguarding Officer.
- Each of our 5 regions has a Safeguarding Leader.
- Every club has a Safeguarding Officer



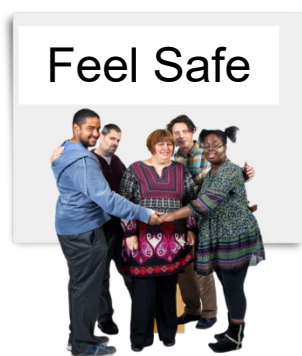
6. Our Safeguarding Policies

- We have written policies and guides to help clubs stay safe. Clubs must use these rules.
- The rules are updated when needed by our National Children's Officer.



7. Speaking Up

- We want people to feel safe to talk if something is wrong.
- You can tell someone if you are worried or see something unsafe.



8. Why Safeguarding Matters

Safeguarding helps:

- Parents feel their children are safe.
- Coaches know how to help athletes safely.
- Athletes feel protected and respected.