The Side Saddle Association Safeguarding Policy

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The Side Saddle Association takes the safety of children, young people and adults at risk very seriously. They are the part of our sport, and we all have a duty of care to support their welfare and safeguard them from all forms of actual and perceived abuse and degrading treatment and allow them to enjoy their sport and recreation in a fun, safe environment and be protected from harm.

The SSA fully accepts its legal and moral obligation under The Children Acts (1989) and (2004), to provide a duty of care to protect all children and safeguard their welfare, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religion or belief, creed, sexual orientation and gender reassignment. A child/young person is defined as a person under the age of 18 (the Children Act 1989).

The SSA adopts the BHS Safeguarding Policy (Children and Young People) as a Term of Reference: http://www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/about-us-and-our-work/working-with-the-law/safeguarding-children

Useful contacts:

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The Side Saddle Association will:

- Take all reasonable, practical steps to protect children, young people and adults at risk from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and respect their rights, wishes and feelings
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- Maintain high standards of behaviours and good practise through compliance with the BHS Safeguarding Policy

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