

Spadeadam Motor Club – Safeguarding Policy.

Spadeadam Motor Club believes that everyone who participates in motorsport and club events should be able to do so in a safe environment, free from abuse, harm or harassment.

This policy aims to:

- Clearly demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding children, young people and all our club members.
- Promote consistent good practice that delivers a safe and positive environment for children, young people and all our club members.
- Provide all committee members and volunteers with the necessary information to enable them to meet their safeguarding responsibilities as set out in Government legislation and guidance.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm, abuse and neglect.
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

The scope of this policy:

This policy is applicable to all participants involved in all Spadeadam Motor Club events, including but not limited to those that are held under permit from Motorsport UK. This includes the following groups:

- Children and young people within the club environment that may not be club members.
- Children and young people that are members of the club.
- Adults at risk
- Volunteers, i.e., marshals, committee members, etc.
- Parents and carers of the children within the club environment who may not be club members.

This policy will apply to all events that are organised by or held under the name of Spadeadam Motor Club. Safeguarding issues that occur online related the club's social media presence will also be covered under this policy.

The Club will adhere to the procedure, practices and guidelines as set out in both the [Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy for Children](#), and [Motorsport UK Safeguarding procedure for adults at risk](#). The Club will follow the guidance of the policy in the event of any concerns or allegations and without fail report concerns as required by the policy and procedures.

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Safeguarding Procedure:

The first step is to recognise the different types of abuse that a child, young person, vulnerable adult, or member may experience. The four main types are:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

There are other behaviours that can also constitute harassment and abuse and as such, are a safeguarding concern. These include:

- Bullying and cyber-bullying
- Cyber abuse
- Peer on peer abuse
- Abuse by a person in a position of trust
- Poor practice.
- Breaches of the code of conduct ([Race with Respect](#))

More detailed descriptions can be found in the [Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy for Children document](#).

The Club has an appointed Club Safeguarding Officer to deal with safeguarding or child protection issues.

The Club's CSO is:

Caroline Lodge,
Email: carralodge@gmail.com
Telephone: 07900567985

Any safeguarding concerns should be immediately reported to the CSO. The CSO will then follow the appropriate reporting procedure, depending on the type of incident reported to them. All safeguarding concerns should be reported as soon as possible.

If you are unable to contact the CSO and you feel that the matter requires urgent action, you can contact the following:

- Motorsport UK Lead Safeguarding Officer 01753 765 071 or e-mail safeguarding@msauk.org
- Police or Children's Social Care
- Call the NSPCC 24 hour Helpline for advice on 0808 800 5000 or text 88858 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

You can also share a concern directly with Motorsport UK via the *Sharing a Concern Form* <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/safeguarding/sharing-a-concern/>