

DORSET CRICKET



RAISING SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you have experienced, seen or heard something you are concerned about, please let us know.

Dorset Cricket is committed to safeguarding and protecting children, young people and adults, to enable them to enjoy the game of cricket.

Safeguarding does not always have to be abusive or criminal activity. Low-level behaviours can cause harm over time. Poor practice can be a safeguarding concern, particularly if it is ignored.

Examples of poor practice:

- Adult walking through the changing rooms whilst children in the club are changing
- Captain/coach enforcing a humiliating team bonding/initiation activity
- Coach offering a child a lift home or waiting alone with a child for their parent/carer to arrive
- Coach using a social media account to interact with young players, for instance, liking their posts or direct messaging to discuss one on one coaching
- Coaching with alcohol on the breath
- Conduct of parent/carer
- Engaging on a one-to-one basis in a secluded area
- Having favourites - being connected on personal social media platforms
- Humiliating children
- Inappropriate behaviour
- Taking photographs of children, contrary to club policy
- Unauthorised person (e.g. someone not recognised from Club hanging around the ground/training session)
- Using inappropriate sexualised, intimidating, or offensive language.

We therefore encourage clubs to report ALL concerns to:

Your Club Safeguarding Officer

If you have a concern, when in doubt or in need of guidance, contact

Dorset County Safeguarding Officer: Vanessa May

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