

Dean Court Community Association Safeguarding Policy



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Dean Court Community Centre (DCCA) is committed to ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are safe when attending events or activities at the DCCA. We recognise that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and will work to keep children safe in the following ways:

1. Children/vulnerable adults at the Community Centre

1.1 Category A: DCCA-run family events and activities

- Parents/carers remain fully responsible for the health and safety of their children/vulnerable charges. They must not leave children/vulnerable adults unattended.
- This could include activities such as a summer Family Fun Day or Christmas Carols on the green.

1.2 Category B: Regular activities or events run by groups that belong to a recognised charity or business organisation

- Such groups are advised by DCCA through the booking procedure that their staff must have DBS (formerly CRB) checks as appropriate and should complete the relevant Risk Assessment and Emergency Plans. This will be reviewed a year on and any group found not to have followed the advice, nor be making any attempt to follow, it will have their booking suspended until they comply, or will be asked not to run their activity. Those showing willingness but non-compliance will be strongly encouraged until they are fully DBS checked and risk assessed.
- DCCA cannot take direct responsibility for child/vulnerable adult safety with regard to events or activities run by recognised charity or business organisations. Parents/carers need to ensure for themselves that they are satisfied with their children's/vulnerable adult's safety. Any such group should have satisfactory Child or Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies (as relevant), and concerned parents/carers should ask the leaders of the group to supply copies, as well as the name of their local Child/Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer (or equivalent).
- This category is common, and most activities or events run at the Centre will fall into it, including, for example, Brownies, martial arts and dance classes

1.3 Category C: One-off activities or events run by individual or private groups

- DCCA cannot take direct responsibility for child/vulnerable adult safety with regard to other users. Parents/carers need to ensure for themselves that they are satisfied

with their children's/vulnerable adult's safety. If you are not comfortable leaving your charge, DCCA would recommend that you stay on as chaperone.

- This category includes events such as children's birthday parties and occasional publicly advertised events.

2. Contacts in case of concerns

- If anyone has concerns about the care of children or vulnerable adults at the Centre, s/he should contact the **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0845 050 7666** or online (Google "MASH Oxfordshire"). It is fine to report concerns that are not full incidents as these may feed into a bigger picture around that person.
- If failures in child/vulnerable adult protection procedures come to the attention of the Trustees, DCCA reserves the right to cancel the booking.
- DCCA will display the phone number of Childline (0800 1111) and information on signs of abuse.

This policy will be reviewed by the Trustees each year.