

Safeguarding Policy

Colchester JKA Karate Club

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Introduction

At Colchester JKA Karate Club we are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. Adults in our club take all welfare concerns seriously and encourage children and young people to talk to us about anything that worries them. We will always act in the best interest of the child.

Adopted Policies

Colchester JKA Karate Club has adopted the Safeguarding Policies of our parent association, JKA England and of the national governing body, the English Karate Federation.

The policies can be accessed at the following web addresses:

JKA England Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.jka-england.org/safeguarding/>

EKF Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.englishkaratefederation.com/safeguarding-policy>

Additional Policies

Supervision of Children

Where a child under the age of 11 years is attending, we require a parent or other responsible adult to remain on-site to supervise them when not actively involved in a class. One adult may supervise multiple children and may take part in the class itself, provided those children are also participating in the class.

To ensure the safety, well-being, and full participation of all members, children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities must have a responsible adult or designated carer present for the duration of all training sessions and other club activities.

The adult or carer should:

- Be familiar with the child's specific needs and support requirements.
- Remain within sight and/or easy reach of the child during the activity.
- Assist with communication, mobility, personal care, or behaviour support as required.
- Work cooperatively with coaches and club officials to ensure the child's inclusion and safety.

This requirement applies regardless of the child's level of independence, as it ensures that appropriate care and immediate support are available at all times.

Safe Recruiting Policy

Colchester JKA Karate Club adopts safe recruitment procedures. We currently use a single regular instructor for all classes. The instructor is present for the duration of all classes held during bookings.

On rare occasions guest instructors visit our club and instruct under the supervision of the principal instructor. All instructors used by the club hold a minimum of £5,000,000 public indemnity insurance, have an appropriate coaching qualification, are subject to enhanced DBS checks at a minimum of every 3 years, and are aware of our child protection policy.

The minimum coaching qualification held by all instructors is an English Karate Federation Coaching Certificate. The English Karate Federation is recognised as the national governing body for karate by the British Karate Federation, the European Karate Federation and the World Karate Federation.