Information for young people in sport clubs and activity groups

A parent, teacher, welfare/child protection officer in your club, a school counsellor or nurse. These are all people you could turn to.

If you feel there isn’t someone you could talk to, you can contact ChildLine: 0800 1111

It’s a free and confidential helpline for children and young people. It’s confidential because you don’t need to tell them who you are if you don’t want to.

You could also visit the NSPCC online advice service for young people on: www.childline.org.uk

When you join a club or take part in sport you have the right to have fun and stay safe. No one should spoil this for you.

If you’re not comfortable with any physical contact you have the right to say NO!

Talk to someone you can trust.

Contact

Name:

Contact details:

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For more information or copies please contact the NSPCC on: 028 9035 1135

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play sport
stay safe

worried? need to talk?

stay safe

NO!

speak out.
your coach

Your coaches are there to make sure you enjoy and learn more about the activity and keep safe.

It means they have to respect you as a person by:
- being reliable
- being fair
- making you feel safe
- letting you take part
- encouraging you
- being a good role model
- not showing favouritism
- making sure that you do not feel uncomfortable.

Coaches must make sure that:
- they know what they are doing
- the equipment you use is safe
- you have your say
- your activity is FUN
- they challenge all types and forms of bullying in the club
- they work to a code of conduct
- they put your needs before winning
- they treat you as an individual.

parents and supporters

They should be there to support you in your activities and:
- help out when asked
- be enthusiastic and cheer you on but not embarrass you
- never argue with the coach or referee in public
- drop you off and collect you on time
- listen to any concerns you have
- make sure you have the right kit/equipment.

your responsibility

Just like your coaches have responsibilities to make your activity fun and safe, so do you and your friends.

This means respecting the coaches who are there to help you and other young people by:
- sticking to the rules
- not making insulting comments or swearing at the coaches or other helpers and other members of the club
- being prepared and on time for sessions/training
- doing your best at all times
- thinking about what you do/say on the internet.

say NO to bullying

Bullying can mean things like name calling, hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging another person’s belongings, spreading rumours, making threats or sending nasty phone texts or e-mails.

To help make the place more fun for other young people you should:
- say no to bullying in your club
- give your friends a second chance if they make a mistake
- welcome new members.

Visit www.bullying.co.uk