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Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

Safeguarding children in sport is vital to ensuring that they have a safe and positive experience. This, in turn, will contribute to children choosing to remain involved in bowls throughout their lives.

Children and young people are the foundations and future of bowls, the next generation of club competitors, officials and administrators. They are potentially the bowls stars or Commonwealth medallists of the future.

Children and young people face risks in all aspects of their life – and bowls is no different.

So whatever your role in bowls, as a parent, coach, volunteer or young person, you should be familiar with your club and/or governing body's safeguarding policies and procedures. In particular, you should know how to respond to concerns around abuse or poor practice.

Having the right safeguards in place will help you to:

- respond appropriately, with the knowledge and confidence to recruit responsibly, manage bullying and harassment, report concerns and much more
- protect your club's reputation and help make your club attractive to new members and sponsors
- keep bowls safe and fun for children and young people

The Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) has some great resources for you, to help in this area:

https://thecpsu.org.uk/

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