

Principles of safeguarding

This guidance provided by NISA is based on the following principles:

- The welfare of the child and vulnerable adult is paramount.
- All young people and vulnerable adults, regardless of any personal characteristic, including their age, gender, ability, any disability they may have, culture, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- An adult has a moral and statutory duty for the care, custody and control of any person under the age of 18 under their supervision.
- All incidents of poor practice or suspicions of poor practice and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All young people and vulnerable adults have a right to participate in ice skating within an enjoyable and safe environment.
- Young people and vulnerable adults have a right to expect appropriate support in accordance with their personal and social development with regard to their involvement in the sport of ice skating.
- It is the responsibility of the safeguarding experts and agencies to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns