

Safeguarding Training Requirements For Volunteer Coaches, Instructors and Trainers - Bromley Canoe Club



Bromley Canoe Club provides opportunities for everyone to enjoy the sport of canoeing and kayaking. BCC is committed to “best practices” and regularly evaluates the safeguarding policies and procedures. Volunteer coaches, instructors and trainers are required to undertake the following Safeguarding Training when in REGULAR contact with young people and vulnerable adults.

Defining Regular Contact:

- A volunteer can be defined as NOT HAVING REGULAR contact with a young person or vulnerable adult when:
 - They provide a “one-off” informal training session or activity that takes place in an open and public location, such as West Wickham Swimming Pool or the area of water directly opposite the clubhouse at Chipstead Lake.
 - This can be a volunteer who offers to provide an element of informal training that takes place during the Monday night pool session or Friday night Chipstead paddle.
- A volunteer who can be defined as HAVING REGULAR contact with a young person or vulnerable adult when:
 - They provide more than one training session or activity that takes place on a regular basis.
 - The training session or activity is a formal, pre-organised event
 - The training session or activity takes place in an isolated location / environment such as a section of a river, the sections of Chipstead Lake away from the clubhouse and / or on a one-to-one basis

Minimum Safeguarding Training Requirements:

- Club volunteers who are Coaches, Leaders and Instructors and can be defined as NOT HAVING REGULAR contact are required to complete the British Canoeing’s Introduction to Safeguarding Course. This course is available as an online platform, costs £10 and provided by British Canoeing. Link for this course:
- Club volunteers who are Coaches, Leaders and Instructor and can be defined as HAVING REGULAR contact are required to complete the UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children. This course is available as a face-to-face or online platform and costs between £25 and £40 depending on the supplier.

Regular Updates:

- It is a requirement that all Coaches, Leaders and Instructors complete the Safeguarding Refresher course every three years.

Committee Members:

- It is a recommendation that BCC committee members complete the UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children as part of their role and position on the General Committee.