



CLUB SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (UPDATED JAN 2026)

Stortford Handball Club will adopt the guidelines on Safeguarding and Child Protection used by the England Handball Association (EHA). These can be found at the following link:

[England Handball Association](#)

The safeguarding of children and young people is everyone's responsibility. Everyone involved in handball – officials, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers, friends, family and children themselves – can help.

If you have any concerns about poor or abusive practice or suspect that a child may be being abused or is at risk, please contact in the first instance **Michael Newman, the Child Welfare Officer** for Bishop's Stortford Handball Club.

His contact details are:

E-mail: mike@thebusinessallotment.co.uk

England Handball's Lead Safeguarding Officer (safeguarding@englandhandball.com).

In addition to promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people, and helping to minimise the risk of child abuse, the EHA documents provide guidance to all those involved in the sport about acceptable behaviour and good practice. Best practice protects everyone involved in sport. The codes of conduct have been developed to support people by helping to make it clear to all what is expected of them, and others involved in handball.

England Handball (EHA) is committed to providing a safe environment for everyone to participate in our organisation and activities. This policy and procedure must be followed in any circumstance where there is a concern with a child. For the purpose of this policy, a child is defined as anyone under the age of 18 years. This policy outlines EHA's commitment to safeguarding, while the procedure details the steps to be taken in responding to any concern.

If a concern is raised to the EHA in relation to a club, home nation, school or any other organisation, steps will be taken to handle the case or hand it over to the relevant safeguarding leads with the agreement of those concerned.