

Protect Their Potential



Safe Clubs Safe Kids Checklist for Club Administrators and Committees

Rugby can be a fun, welcoming and safe game that let's every child find their potential. Here's some tips on making your club a place that protects that for everyone.

○ Set the standard

Officially adopt your Provincial Union's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

○ Normalise talking

Make child safety part of every committee meeting agenda. Make it easy to talk about by including it in your speeches, social media, newsletters, junior club meetings, posters and trainings.

○ Build awareness

Share your Safeguarding children and young people policy on your club website, in newsletters and around your clubrooms. Make it easy for people to report concerns.

○ Share contacts

Have the contact details of your Provincial Union's Safe Kids Advisor on display in your club rooms and available to coaches.

○ Appoint your own Advisor

Decide if your club should also have your own Safe Kids Advisor who can handle providing reports to your Provincial Union.

○ Be a safe place

'Have Safe Clubs Safe Kids' as a standing item on all agendas and part of any health and safety reviews.

○ Share your travel policy

Review your club's policy for overnight trips and travel, and share it with coaches, managers and parents to help them stay safe. NZR has best practice guidelines you can check.

○ Vet coaches, team managers and refs

Check all these roles are registered on the NZR database, this process will include police vetting roles working with U18s.

○ Keep sideline programmes alive

Your sideline programmes and codes of conduct help set great standards for our game. Find out more at smallblacks.com

○ Equip everyone

Share NZR resources on child safety with parents, coaches and kids so they can all play their part. You can access all Safe Clubs Safe Kids resources here at nzrugby.co.nz/safekids

○ Get training

Your Union can arrange this with the NZR Harm Prevention team. Anyone from your club can take part in free child protection training. You can also receive a briefing from your Provincial Union. For online learning Sport NZ has a range of modules at sportnz.org.nz/integrity/education-and-training/

○ Ask for help

To find out more about local child protection services visit orangatamariki.govt.nz/ or make contact with local child service providers to hear about what they do.

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