



British Council for Chinese Martial Arts
BCCMA

Safeguarding Update

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Everyone involved in martial arts is responsible for the care and protection of all participating children, young people and adults.

Our Commitments

The BCCMA will:

- safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- respond to those that may pose a present risk
- cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- offer informed support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate assistance that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abuse
- seek to protect survivors of sexual abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse
- challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- seek to offer support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of the Chinese martial arts community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek immediate advice from the BCCMA Safeguarding Team. OR report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services OR the Police.



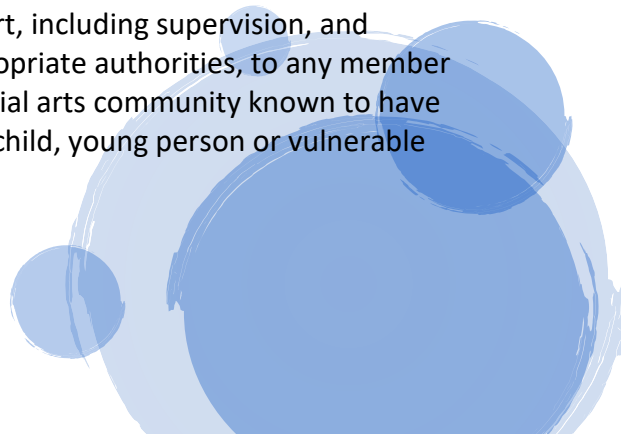
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Safeguarding Update for Martial Arts Coaches

Anyone coaching Chinese martial arts whether as a volunteer or employee, needs to have an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. New members of the coaching team must not be allowed to work unsupervised with children until a satisfactory enhanced DBS check has been completed and the results appropriately communicated.

Where children and/or vulnerable adults may be required for an overnight (between 12 midnight and 6am) stay to attend an event then supervision would be required. You must apply for permission from the BCCMA Safeguarding Team, which would need to be approved by the Executive Committee, in advance. It is essential that the necessary risk assessments have been completed and reviewed before a decision can be made.



Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts

The BCCMA strongly encourages all members to adopt the Sport England [Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts](#).

The Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts recognises clubs or providers in England who have demonstrated that they have reached and maintained good safeguarding standards.



Safeguarding Children in Martial Arts (SCiMA)

The BCCMA strongly encourages all members register with the BCCMA DBS Checking Service [Safeguarding Children in Martial Arts](#). SCiMA also offers coaches online learning to develop the minimum operating standard in safeguarding and essential first aid.

The BCCMA expect that all coaches will undertake face to face training to ensure a full knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and first aid as part of their learning and development.





Policy Update

- The BCCMA Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated to reflect the latest guidance.
- The Department for Education has published draft updated safeguarding guidance for 2019/20. The final guidance will be available from September 2019. There are no significant changes, but a few that you should be aware of:
- Changes to the multi-agency working section are to clarify the expectations for all agencies, in the context of the phasing out of local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs).
- The new safeguarding partners and child death review partner arrangements must be in place by 29 September 2019.

As a reminder, your 3 safeguarding partners are:

- Local authority (LA)
- Clinical commissioning group within the LA
- Chief office of police within the LA

Helplines

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action on Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

