

SWOA Safeguarding and Welfare

Everyone has a shared responsibility for safeguarding and creating safe, enjoyable environments in Orienteering whether as an Orienteer, parent, coach, club official or spectator.

In our region we want you to feel safe and welcome and we encourage you to raise any concerns you have or incidents you witness at the earliest opportunity to our Welfare Officer or British Orienteering's Lead Safeguarding Officer.

SWOA is committed to the principles of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults and our Welfare Officer is always there if you need any support or would like any advice.

Further information is available on [British Orienteering's Safeguarding pages](#).

Reporting a concern or incident

All reports are taken seriously and dealt with in a sensitive manner. Should you wish to report a concern or incident Please contact either:

- **SWOA Welfare Officers**
 - Peter and Jane Stagg; safeguarding@bristolorienteeing.org.uk
- **British Orienteering's Lead Safeguarding Officer**
 - Peter Brooke 07540 150963 safeguarding@britishorienteeing.org.uk

This includes any concerns about safeguarding either within orienteering or outside of orienteering and any concern over adult behaviour related to the welfare of children or adults at risk, including those away from the sport that involves members or participants.

All reports will be logged in confidence with the Lead Safeguarding Officer who will also explain the processes which will be followed depending on each case.

Reporting Forms

In addition to contacting the SWOA Welfare Officer or Lead Safeguarding Officer, there are a couple of forms you can also use to report a concern or incident.

British Orienteering Quick Report Form

British Orienteering has introduced a [quick report form](#) which can be used to make immediate reports to the Lead Safeguarding Officer. This form is user friendly on mobile devices.

On completion of this form the Lead Safeguarding Officer will follow up with you directly.

Other Reporting Forms

- [Incident reporting form children and young people](#)
- [Incident reporting form adults](#)
- [Reporting a concern report form](#)

If you complete one of these forms, it will then need to be emailed to either SWOA Welfare Officer or the Lead Safeguarding Officer as soon as possible.

If you need any advice on how to complete a form or what should you do if someone reports something to you, this [short video](#) will help you.

Safeguarding Policies

As a region, we support and follow British Orienteering's two safeguarding policies, these can be found via the links below:

- [Child Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy](#)

For further information including resources and training opportunities visit the [British Orienteering website](#) or contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer.