



HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION SAFEGUARDING



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE

It is important to remember that the role of volunteers and of the Safeguarding Officer is not to decide whether child abuse has taken place or to investigate the complaint. The role is to accurately record the details and report it to the British Horse Society and if necessary Children's Social Care or the Police.

Running an event:

Running or attending an event with young people can already seem quite onerous. In order to make sure they are safe, the following principles should be adhered to:

- Children and young people should be supervised by their parents or guardians at all times. Your committee should not be involved in a situation where parents have made private arrangements with other parents regarding the supervision of their children whilst at an event.
- No rider should be photographed or videoed without consent *
- No pictures and video should be shared, used for marketing purposes or posted online without consent *

What to do if you are worried about a child

- If there are concerns that a child may be subject to harm these concerns must be noted and referred to the Safeguarding Officer immediately. Contact for Hodgemoor Riding Association is Dawn Fleming - 07742 082723
- If there is an immediate concern a referral must be made to the Local Social Care Services or Police (preferably Police Child Protection Unit). The Hodgemoor Safeguarding Officer must be informed of the case as soon as is possible and practicable.

What to do if there is an allegation against your committee:

If there is a concern regarding inappropriate behaviour or possible abuse you must report this to your Safeguarding Officer or chairperson even if it may not become an allegation. Depending on the nature of the concern you may need to inform Local Social Care Services or the Police immediately.

Spectators

Spectators are subject to the Rules of the sport. They can be cautioned, reported or sent away from the competition if the Code of Conduct is breached.

*parent and guardian consent (if under 18) should be confirmed, usually on the entry form.