

CHILD FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY



WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is about keeping children – including you – safe.

It is also about making sure we do something to stop you and other children from being hurt now or even in the future.

Sometimes, we may hear or see something, or you may tell us something that we need to do something about, and that's ok to do. We want you to tell us about anything that might make you feel uncomfortable.

All of us here at Shrewsbury Town Football Club know that looking after you and your health and safety is very important.

So, no matter what your background is, or what you believe in, or where you come from, We will always try our hardest to look after and protect you and we will always try to do the right thing to make sure you're listened to. That's our promise to you.

OUR AIM

We want to keep all children, including you, safe and provide a safe place for all children who are involved with us, either playing at the Academy, being involved with the Foundation or even coming to watch a match at the Stadium. Anytime you're with us, you will be treated fairly, and we will do our best to make sure you don't get hurt, or bullied or stopped from doing something because you might be different to someone else.

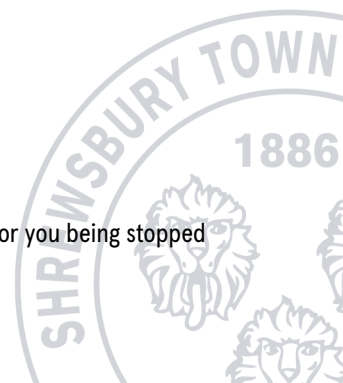
All of our staff are trained to keep you safe whilst you are with us and to do something about it to protect you, and stop or avoid you from getting hurt.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

To help us keep you and everyone else safe we need you to;

- Listen to and follow instructions
- Respect other children and adults
- Be kind and support others
- Accept differences in people no matter what their belief or background is.
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Tell us what you like or don't like
- Ask for help when you need it
- Not be rude, bully or pick on people who may be different to you

Misconduct/Poor or bad behaviour will be dealt with by the Lead Coach/activity leader and could lead to somebody or you being stopped from attending.



YOUR VOICE

If you are upset or want to talk to us about anything you're worried about then you can speak to your coach, Safeguarding Officer or any trusted adult at the club.

NEED TO TALK? WE PROMISE TO LISTEN

It is important to know where to go if you are worried about something or need to talk to someone about something or someone.

You can contact the Safeguarding Officer by email: safeguarding@shrewsburytown.co.uk or text/phone 07884 991212 – we'll call you back if you want us to.

- You can talk to your Coach or activity leaders.
- You can talk to any adult from the club that you trust.
- You can call ChildLine on 0800 11 11 at any time, they are open 24 hours and are confidential.

ASK FOR HELP IF SOMEONE IS:

- Bullying you or saying things to you, or about you that you don't like, this could be another child or an adult.
- Sending nasty messages to you on social media or on your phone.
- Threatening to send embarrassing photos of you to others or put them on the internet, or asking you for photos, money or favours.
- Touching you in ways you do not like ([NSPCC underwear rule](#)).
- Trying to give you tablets, drugs, alcohol or cigarettes.
- Physically hurting you.
- Trying to make friends with you on social media and you don't know them.

Remember we are here to keep you safe, you can speak to us or you can contact Childline on 0800 11 11 or by visiting www.childline.org.uk

