



Child Protection and Policy Statement

The British Equestrian Federation (BEF) fully accepts its legal (Children's Act, 1989) and moral obligation to provide a duty of care, to protect all children (and vulnerable adults) and safeguard their welfare, irrespective of age, any disability they have, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation.

In pursuit of this, the BEF and Turbury Equisport are committed to ensuring that:

- The welfare of young people (and vulnerable adults) is paramount and children have the right to protection from abuse
- All young people who take part in Equestrian Events should be able to participate in a fun and safe environment and in an atmosphere of fair play
- Takes all reasonable practical steps to protect children from harm, discrimination and degrading treatment and respect their rights, wishes and feelings
- All suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. **It is the responsibility of child protection experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place, but is *everyone's* responsibility to report any concerns**
- All approved riding schools and registered instructors are required to sign up to the BEF procedures for good practice and child protection that clearly state what is required of them
- All employees and volunteers are carefully selected, informed about their responsibilities and provided with guidance and/or training in good practice and child protection procedures
- High standards of behaviour and practice are demanded through compliance with BEF codes of conduct produced for instructors, proprietors and volunteers
- Everyone knows and accepts their responsibilities and works together: parents, riders, instructors, proprietors, volunteers and professional staff.