

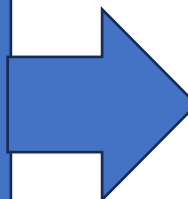
SAFEGUARDING

Let's make football safe, not sorry

Guide to reporting concerns about child welfare

5 WAYS TO REPORT A CONCERN:

1. To your club or league Designated Safeguarding Team
Simon Ford
welfare@tarvinafc.co.uk
This must be within 24HOURS



5. To your County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer
safeguarding@CheshireFA.com

4. By emailing The FA Safeguarding Team at
safeguarding@TheFA.com or by calling and asking for
the team on 0800 169 1863.

3. If urgent and you cannot contact your club, league or
County Safeguarding Officer, you should call the
NSPCC 24 hour helpline on 0808 800 5000.

2. If it is an emergency because a child or children are at
immediate risk, then call the Police on 999 or
Children's Social Care in your area.

ASSESSMENT

If high and immediate-risk – the statutory authorities will be informed and within 24 hours a standard referral form outlining the case will be sent to The FA Safeguarding team.

If medium-risk – a referral form will be sent to The FA Safeguarding team within 24 hours and handled on a case-by-case basis. This means it may be referred to the statutory authorities or handled by The FA and relevant County FA in the case of grassroots football.

If lower-risk – sometimes this is poor practice, then it will be handled by the County FA in the case of grassroots football.

Thereafter, just as in a legal case, there are various risk management actions which can be taken by The FA to safeguard children. These include education, mentoring, supervision and, where appropriate, suspensions.

All resulting outcomes are reported and feedback to those involved in the incident report.

Where appropriate, learning and reflection is cascaded to committee and members.