

Creating an individual Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

In addition to adopting the ECB's Safe Hands policy, creating an individual "Club Safeguarding Policy Statement" is a requirement for all ECB Affiliated Clubs.

It is relevant to mention that some cricket clubs will be part of a larger multi-sport club. It is important for cricket clubs who are a 'section' of another club that the cricket committee identify the elements of the "Safe Hands" Programme which are directly applicable to the cricket section and those which will require consultation with the umbrella sports club committee. It is vital in these circumstances that the cricket club ensures that the umbrella committee has addressed all the issues within "Safe Hands" and recognises its separate responsibilities for safeguarding. Collaboration between all the sports sections within such clubs is necessary for effective safeguarding.

Please contact the ECB Child Protection Team if further assistance is required in this area. The following template can be discussed and personalised by your Club Committee to meet the specific needs of your location.

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Recommended Process / Activities

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