

Skyline Ballroom Club

Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Handbook

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Welcome

At Skyline Ballroom Club, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We believe ballroom dancing should be enjoyable, inspiring and safe for every participant. This handbook explains the standards, procedures and values that guide our teaching and demonstrates our commitment to providing a respectful environment for children, young people and adults alike.

Our Safeguarding Philosophy

Ballroom dancing is a close-contact partner activity built on trust, communication and mutual respect. For this reason, Skyline Ballroom Club applies the same high duty of care to every participant, regardless of age, experience or ability. While children and adults at risk require additional legal protections, we recognise that anyone may feel vulnerable at times. We therefore foster a culture where concerns are welcomed, professional boundaries are maintained and every individual is treated with dignity and respect.

Our Commitment

Skyline Ballroom Club is proud to be affiliated with the **British DanceSport Association (BDSA)**. We work in accordance with the Association's safeguarding principles and relevant UK safeguarding legislation. Teachers undertaking regulated activities maintain current Enhanced DBS certification where required, and appropriate insurance is maintained for our activities.

Child Protection Procedures

Any concern relating to the welfare of a participant is treated seriously. Where concerns arise, we will:

- Listen carefully and respond calmly.
- Record concerns accurately.
- Report concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Seek advice from relevant safeguarding agencies where appropriate.
- Cooperate fully with statutory authorities whenever required.

The welfare of the individual will always take precedence over organisational interests.

Safeguarding in Ballroom Dancing

We teach partner work professionally and respectfully. Physical contact is used only where appropriate for safe dance instruction and is always explained where necessary. Every participant has the right to ask questions, decline unnecessary physical contact and raise concerns without fear of judgement.

Code of Respect

Every participant has the right to feel safe, valued and included. Bullying, harassment, discrimination, intimidation or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated. We expect all students, teachers, parents and visitors to contribute to a respectful and supportive learning environment.

Photography & Social Media

Photographs and videos may occasionally be taken to celebrate achievements and promote Skyline Ballroom Club. Families and participants who do not wish to appear in promotional material should notify us in writing and we will respect their wishes wherever reasonably possible. Images are handled responsibly and in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

Missing Participant Procedure

If a child or vulnerable participant cannot be accounted for, staff will immediately supervise the remaining group, search the immediate area, contact parents or emergency contacts where appropriate and involve venue staff or emergency services if necessary.

Health & Safety

Risk assessments are carried out where appropriate and suitable first aid arrangements are maintained. Participants should inform us of any medical conditions, injuries or additional needs before taking part. Appropriate footwear, hydration and safe dance practice are encouraged at all times.

Reporting Concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead

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If anyone is in immediate danger, contact the emergency services by dialling **999**. Safeguarding concerns may also be reported through the British DanceSport Association where appropriate.

Our Promise

Safeguarding is far more than a policy—it is a commitment that shapes every class, lesson and event we deliver. We are dedicated to providing a safe, respectful and inspiring environment where every participant can learn, grow and enjoy the lifelong benefits of ballroom dancing with confidence.