



**FOUNDATION**



**Safe  
Hands**

# **TOP TIPS**

## **FOR CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS (CSO)**

*'What Good Looks Like' in Safeguarding for a Recreational Cricket Club in Sussex*

## 1 Make sure that the CSO is fully qualified for the role.

- A current DBS from the ECB in place (ideally signed up to the update service).
- The appropriate ECB online courses completed.
- Attendance at an in-person Safe Hands course within 3 years.
- [Safeguarding Training | Sussex Cricket](#) has guidance on all training requirements & current course dates & booking details.

## 2 Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)

- Ensure that the CSO is either the nominated club administrator for SHMS or has a good working relationship with the administrator.
- Hamish Russell is the lead for SHMS in Sussex: [hamish.russell@sussexcricket.co.uk](mailto:hamish.russell@sussexcricket.co.uk)
- Ensure SHMS is accurate and regularly reviewed.

## 3 The ECB's 'Safe Hands' policy & all appropriate Safeguarding policies have been formally adopted by the club in a committee meeting & is clear in the minutes.

- Key policies include 'Listening to Children', 'Safeguarding Adults' and appropriate Codes of Conduct for players, juniors, parents and spectators.
- See [England and Wales Cricket Board \(ECB\) - The Official Website of the ECB](#) for further guidance on policies and templates.
- Key committee members should complete the necessary online ECB training (this is voluntary not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged by Sussex Cricket).
- 'Safeguarding' should be on every committee agenda and the CSO should be a committee member.

## 4 Ensure that all volunteers in key roles involved in 'regulated activity' in the club have current DBS checks & receive appropriate briefings from the CSO.

- [Safeguarding Training | Sussex Cricket](#) has guidance on DBS requirements in Cricket.
- The CSO should brief all captains, coaches, junior managers and other relevant roles to ensure they understand their responsibilities and how to respond to safeguarding concerns.

## 5 Club Safeguarding Officers should be proactive within the club & visible to those holding key roles as well as children, parents, members, players & spectators.

When in doubt or in need of guidance, call Nick May, the County Safeguarding Officer:

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Other Reporting Options:

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