



# Seiken Ryu Karate Association

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## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Children's Act (1989) gives local authorities a statutory duty to safe guard and promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm or abuse within the family. Further more, the Act requires agencies to work together for the protection and wellbeing of children.

Through the local Area Child Protection Committees (A.C.P.C), policies, guidelines and procedures are produced for inter-agency working. It is intended to create in our training hall an environment in which children are safe from abuse and any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately dealt with.

Seiken Ryu has designated two members of staff to act as the persons responsible for child protection.

It is the role of the designated members of staff.

- To investigate procedures
- To raise awareness of all staff within Seiken Ryu about child protection, the action to be taken in cases of suspected abuse or when a child chooses to share information with a member of staff
- To support colleagues in their involvement and action in individual cases
- To co-ordinate the implementation of A.C.P.C procedures and guidelines
- To liaise with other professionals on matters relating to child protection
- To keep the suffering of the child to a minimum
- To be key holder to the child protection files (with authority to limit access to such information to those working with the children concerned)
- To facilitate and be involved in the provision of training for all staff on child protection issues

The welfare of the child is of paramount importance. Details of any concerns will be recorded and signed, this will include dates and notes of any conversations that have taken place in this respect. All concerns will be kept strictly confidential and discussed only with the relevant professionals.

All instructors are C. R. B. checked.

This is an ADENDUM TO THE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Abuse by a professional

A professional is defined as a person who: as a member of an organisation or agency is entrusted with the care, welfare or education of children or has contact with them in the course of their work:

OR

Whose work with children is regulated by an overseeing or registration body.

If an instructor becomes concerned about another instructors behaviour, they must follow the procedures below: In the first instance this must be shared with one of the associations designated officers, who may then decide to seek advice from the designated Child Protection Officer.

Wherever possible details must be recorded, these may be needed later, dependant on the results or your consultation. All concerns to be kept strictly confidential and discussed only with other professionals involved.

Further to a consultation a decision of a referral will then be made to Social Services and or the Police.