

SAFEGUARDING ISSUES FACED BY SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ORGANISATIONS

Sports and physical activity organisations may recognize abuse of adults that is happening within their organisation, or outside the setting.

Here are some examples of adult safeguarding issues identified by sports and physical activity organisations themselves. This is not an exhaustive list and is offered to enable sports and physical activity organisations to recognize possible safeguarding issues:

- an elite athlete being groomed for sexual abuse by his or her coach
- a member of a learning disabled sports club being financially exploited by another club member
- a young woman confiding in her coach about a forthcoming holiday where she believes she will be married against her will
- a club which insists on receiving a parental consent form before taking adults with learning disabilities on an away day trip
- a coach who regularly neglects the individual needs of disabled participants when training
- a volunteer noticing that a club member seems scared of the personal assistant who brings her to the training session
- a club noticing that the husband of a member with dementia is shouting at and pushing her