

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Policy and Procedures (2021)



POLICY STATEMENT

Ballylagan Trail Rides is committed to the delivery of a quality service that also promotes good practice which protects children and young people from harm. It will also ensure procedures are in place to safeguard its staff and volunteers and the service from potential allegations.

The following Safeguarding Children & Young People policies and procedures outline the systems and procedures in place within Ballylagan Trail Rides to achieve this aim. Its successful achievement requires co-operation and partnership between management, staff and volunteers, and our many users.

These Safeguarding Children & Young People policies and procedures are applicable to anyone associated with Ballylagan Trail Rides who may have direct or indirect contact with children or young people.

All staff and volunteers have a responsibility to ensure that Ballylagan Trail Rides is a safe environment for all children and young people who attend. Therefore, all staff and volunteers should be vigilant and alert to possible incidents at all times when at work. All incidents must be reported in accordance with the procedures laid out in this document.

Working in Partnership

The diversity of organisations and settings means there can be great variation in practice when it comes to safeguarding children and young people. We will endeavour to work in partnership with a range of stakeholders to promote safeguarding.

Good communication is essential in promoting safeguarding, both to those we wish to protect, to everyone involved in working with children and young people and to all those with whom we work in partnership. This safeguarding policy is just one means of promoting safeguarding.

Equality

Ballylagan Trail Rides is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development.

- We respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- We are committed to creating an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- We oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- We will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously according to our disciplinary procedures.