

## Children's Clubs

### Safeguarding Questions You Could Ask

The great majority of clubs and activity centres will have all these safeguards in place. If you aren't sure they do, ask to see the policies for yourself. After all, nothing's more important than having the peace of mind that your child is in safe hands.

Question	Advice	Answer
<b><i>Is there a child protection policy?</i></b>	Every organisation should know how children will be kept safe. If there isn't a written policy then you may want to think about whether you want your child to join.	
<b><i>Who do I speak to if I'm worried about anything?</i></b>	It's important you know who to talk to if there's anything that's worrying you.	
<b><i>Is there a written code of conduct for volunteers?</i></b>	You want to know that the people who will be in charge of your child have a set of rules and requirements they have to follow.	
<b><i>What happens if my child has to travel with you?</i></b>	Sometimes your child might have to go on trips with the club. They should have a policy that covers things like how the risk assessment is carried out, recommended ratio of adults to children and how travel will be arranged between locations.	

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<p><b><i>Are all staff trained, qualified and police checked to work with young people (including additional adults helping out on trips or activities)?</i></b></p>	<p>The club should be able to confirm all the necessary checks have been completed.</p>	
<p><b><i>How are health and safety issues handled?</i></b></p>	<p>For example, is there always a trained first aider on hand and are all the fire exits marked and easy to open?</p>	
<p><b><i>What's the policy if my child needs personal care?</i></b></p>	<p>If anyone from the club ever has to do anything that a parent would normally do, like taking a young child to the toilet, it's important that they have guidelines that have to be followed.</p>	

Anything else I would like to know ... (do you have any further questions?)		
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Advice on speaking to children about sexual abuse can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

For more information on keeping children safe check out the City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership website - [www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk](http://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk) and follow us on Twitter - [YorkSCP](https://twitter.com/YorkSCP)

If you're concerned about a child call the Children's Front Door on **01904 551900** or email [childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfrontdoor@york.gov.uk)

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the emergency duty team on **01609 780780**.

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