

# RDA E-SAFETY POLICY



## INTRODUCTION

The aim of Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) is to provide disabled people with the opportunity to ride or carriage drive, to benefit their health and well-being. The Member Groups provide disabled people with opportunities to join in social activities, competitions, or residential experiences - which combine to bring a new dimension to necessarily restricted lives, encourage independence and do much to improve a wide range of medical conditions.

RDA is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children, young people and adults at risk. All children, young people and adults at risk have a right to be safe and protected from harm.

## INTERNET SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:

- RDA recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk, by protecting them from all forms of abuse which can occur through the use of electronic communications.
- RDA is committed to meeting this obligation by affording the highest level of care for children, young people and adults at risk through its safeguarding procedures.
- This policy applies to anyone within RDA, whether those persons be in a paid or volunteer capacity, or as part of a competing team or volunteer/supporting group. This also includes trustees, members of the committee/board and designated medical and veterinary staff.
- RDA accepts that the use of the internet, electronic communications and social media is an intrinsic part of everyday life and can present challenges in terms of how it is used responsibly. RDA recognises that through misuse, all forms of electronic communications can be actually or potentially harmful to others.

## OBJECTIVES

RDA has a responsibility to ensure that its activities are free from abuse and to ensure that it has put into place adequate measures to safeguard all involved from harm. This includes highlighting poor practice.

### **This Policy sets the following objectives:**

- To ensure that Groups implement a code of conduct for all forms of electronic communications that is applicable to all involved with the organisation.
- To ensure that all paid staff, committee/board members, trustees, physiotherapists, volunteers, competitors and support groups of the Group are aware of their duty and of the process to report any incident of alleged abuse or poor practice relating to electronic communications.

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