

LAZONBY VILLAGE HALL

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY



This statement of policy and procedures applies to users of, and activities in, Lazonby Village Hall (LVH) and any ancillary activities which are the responsibility of Lazonby Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC).

This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of *everyone*. All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect.

All people associated with LVH and its use have a responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

LVHMC will endeavour to keep premises safe for use. Hirers should read and implement the requirements of the Hirer's Guide and Health and Safety Policy.

No member of LVHMC, LVH staff, outside contractors, hirers or volunteers will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless in possession of appropriate clearance i.e., DBS.

LVHMC will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults attending the hall is the responsibility of the hirer at that time.

Groups who provide activities for children should consult [Westmorland and Furness Council Safeguarding Hub](#) for guidance on best practice and safeguarding requirements such as DBS checks or training requirements.

Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as toilets might be shared with other groups and that appropriate supervision/arrangements should be made.

LVHMC will ensure hirers are made aware of their obligations under The Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification of the film or the show. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.

Any concerns of a safeguarding nature should be reported to [Westmorland and Furness Council Safeguarding Hub](#) and LVHMC notified.

Advice, training and information is available from [Westmorland and Furness Council Safeguarding Hub](#)

Acceptance of this safeguarding policy forms part of the hiring agreement of LVH.

A copy of this policy is available on LVH website and will be displayed for the attention of all on the LVH notice board.