

# Safeguarding: Policy Statement

**At Canal & River Trust, we believe that no one should suffer abuse of any kind.**

**We are committed to providing safe environments and working practices that promote and protect the safety and welfare of all individuals who come into contact with our organisation, and in particular children and adults at risk.**

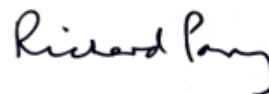
At Canal & River Trust we:

- Recognise that the welfare of children is paramount.
- Value, listen to and respect children and adults at risk.
- Identify and minimise safeguarding risks across our activities through safer recruitment practices, training and risk assessments.
- Promote inclusion and diversity, and recognise that all children and adults at risk have an equal right to protection from harm or abuse.
- Promote an inclusive and respectful environment, set clear standards of expected behaviour and have procedures in place to deal with bullying or other inappropriate behaviour.
- Take seriously and respond promptly to safeguarding concerns.
- Are committed to establishing an organisational culture which prioritises safeguarding and works to achieve continuous improvement of our safeguarding practices.
- Take opportunities to promote the importance of safeguarding to other organisations we work in connection with.
- Have a full Safeguarding Standard, which follows this Policy Statement, the content of which is regularly reviewed.

**Safeguarding: We all play a part**



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