



## **Safeguarding statement of purpose**

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Sailors' Children's Society and is the responsibility of us all.

In its simplest form safeguarding can be defined as 'keeping children, young people and adults at risk safe from harm'. We believe that everyone has the right to live free from abuse, exploitation, harm and fear and to enjoy being safe and well.

Our safeguarding policy outlines the systems and procedures we have in place for safeguarding. It also explains our values around safeguarding and how safeguarding influences all aspects of our work. Our full safeguarding policy is available to read on the Our Work section of the Society website [www.sailorschildren.org.uk/our-work/](http://www.sailorschildren.org.uk/our-work/)

We take steps to minimise any possibility that abuse or harm could occur and to ensure that we act quickly and appropriately if a concern, allegation or disclosure arises.

We are committed to maintaining good links with statutory safeguarding authorities and will continually update our knowledge and training as appropriate to ensure that we remain aware of current developments and legislation.

We only share information outside of our charity when we really need to, for example when we know or have concerns that someone has been abused or harmed or is at risk of harm or abuse. We also share information when a crime or fraudulent activity has taken place, or we are told that it will take place.

Sometimes we are asked to share information about individuals with other organisations when there isn't a concern about abuse or harm. If this happened we would only do so when we have that person's explicit consent to do so. For further information on this please refer to our Data Protection Policy.

## What to do if you have a concern:

