



Ryde Saints Football Club

Child Welfare Reporting Procedures

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Any Ryde Saints member, parent, coach, manager or club official has an obligation when concerned for any child that they report those concerns. Ryde Saints is a telling club, and doing nothing is not an option.

Any Ryde Saints personnel with such a concern is reminded that best practice is to stay calm, and if any child is present, reassure them they are not to blame, but at the same time not to make promises of confidentiality or outcome.

There are five ways for Ryde Saints personnel to report a concern, and the club's Welfare Officer has an obligation to ensure they are fully shared and understood:

1. To the Ryde Saints or Hampshire FA Designated Safeguarding Officer (please refer to the 'welfare' and 'contact' sections of the relevant websites).
2. To the County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer Melanie Gill via telephone 07885807321 or online via Melanie.Gill@HampshireFA.com. Further contact information can be found at: <https://www.hampshirefa.com/about/safeguarding-and-welfare>
3. By emailing The FA Case Management Safeguarding Team at Safeguarding@TheFA.com.
4. If urgent and the person with concern cannot contact the club, league or County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, they should call the NSPCC 24 hour helpline on 0808 800 5000.
5. If it is an emergency because a child or children are at immediate risk, then the Police or Children's Social Care in the Isle of Wight area should be called.