

Sustrans Safeguarding Statement

Sustrans believes that it is always unacceptable for a child, young person or vulnerable adult to experience abuse of any kind. Sustrans recognises its responsibility to safeguard all children, young people and vulnerable adults and promote their welfare, by a commitment to practice which protects them.

We aim to create a safe environment within which children, young people and vulnerable adults can thrive and Sustrans staff can work with the security of clear guidance.

Sustrans recognises that:

- The welfare of the child, young person or vulnerable adult should always be the paramount consideration.
- All children, young people and vulnerable adults, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, young people and vulnerable adults, their parents, teachers, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

Sustrans will seek to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults by:

- Valuing, listening to and respecting them
- Recruiting employees and representatives safely, ensuring that all necessary checks are made
- Sharing information about child, young person and vulnerable adult protection and good practice with employees and representatives
- Ensuring any safeguarding concerns are shared with the relevant statutory agencies
- Providing effective management for staff and representatives through supervision, support and training
- Reviewing the policy, procedures and practice annually.

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