

Safeguarding and Welfare

Everyone has a shared responsibility for safeguarding and creating safe, enjoyable environments in orienteering whether as an orienteer, parent, coach, club official or spectator.

At our club we want you to feel safe and welcome and we encourage you to raise any concerns you have or incidents you witness at the earliest opportunity to our Club Welfare Officer or British Orienteering's Lead Safeguarding Officer.

Our club is committed to the principles of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults and our Club Welfare Officer is always there if you need any support or would like any advice.

Further information is available on [British Orienteering's Safeguarding pages](#).

Reporting a concern or incident

All reports are taken seriously and dealt with in a sensitive manner. Should you wish to report a concern or incident Please contact either:

- **Our Club Welfare Officer**
 - Emma Harrison eastpennineorienteeringclub@gmail.com
- **British Orienteering's Lead Safeguarding Officer**
 - Peter Brooke 07540 150963 safeguarding@britishorienteering.org.uk

This includes any concerns about safeguarding either within orienteering or outside of orienteering and any concern over adult behaviour related to the welfare of children or adults at risk, including those away from the sport that involves members or participants.

All reports will be logged in confidence with the Lead Safeguarding Officer who will also explain the processes which will be followed depending on each case.

Your Club Welfare Officer – Emma Harrison



Emma is a very experienced orienteer who has been involved with the sport for most of her life participating and helping at all levels. She is a mum and works with vulnerable children. She can be found at nearly all EPOC events and many others within the region and further afield.

Reporting Forms

In addition to contacting the Club Welfare Officer or Lead Safeguarding Officer, there are a couple of forms you can also use to report a concern or incident.

British Orienteering Quick Report Form

British Orienteering has introduced a [quick report form](#) which can be used to make immediate reports to the Lead Safeguarding Officer. This form is user friendly on mobile devices.

On completion of this form the Lead Safeguarding Officer will follow up with you directly.

Other Reporting Forms

- [Incident reporting form children and young people](#)
- [Incident reporting form adults](#)
- [Reporting a concern report form](#)

If you complete one of these forms, it will then need to be emailed to either your Club Welfare Officer or the Lead Safeguarding Officer as soon as possible.

If you need any advice on how to complete a form or what should you do if someone reports something to you, this [short video](#) will help you.

Safeguarding Policies

As a club, we support and follow British Orienteering's two safeguarding policies, these can be found via the links below:

- [Child Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy](#)

For further information including resources and training opportunities visit the [British Orienteering website](#) or contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer.

Additional Information

When you bring your children and/or vulnerable adults orienteering, we will help you to ensure their welfare and safety by ensuring that;

- The people who run the sport are safe to be with.
- We take all reasonable steps to ensure that your children/vulnerable adults will be safe from other participants and strangers. A risk assessment is completed prior to any orienteering event or activity to ensure it is as safe as possible for all participants.
- The challenges set will be manageable so that your children/vulnerable adults are able to find their way back. There are guidelines to ensure that courses and activities are planned to a suitable standard to cater for a range of ages and abilities and event officials will be able to help you to choose a course/activity that is suitable for your needs. We fully support participation in pairs or small groups so you can supervise your child/vulnerable adult if you wish. We keep track of everyone taking part at all events/activities and ensure that everyone has returned safely.
- They are not likely to be injured but if they are there are people and procedures in place to look after them.