

UK Deaf Athletics Safeguarding Statement

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UK Deaf Athletics is committed to creating safe, friendly and deaf-aware spaces for everyone who takes part in our activities. We take all concerns seriously and act promptly, with kindness and confidentiality.

How we keep people safe

- We plan sessions with safety and communication in mind.
- We use clear, visual and accessible communication.
- We encourage athletes, volunteers and families to speak up if something doesn't feel right.
- We follow good practice from UK Deaf Sport and wider safeguarding guidance.

Communication & Safety

Effective communication is central to safeguarding. UK Deaf Athletics supports:

- International Sign Language (ISL)
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Visual information and demonstrations
- Lipreading, with attention to lighting and clear face visibility

We will make reasonable adjustments to ensure athletes, volunteers and parents/carers can understand safeguarding information and raise concerns in their preferred communication method.

If you have a safeguarding concern

Please contact our Safeguarding Lead:

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If anyone is at immediate risk, call 999.