



NORTHERN IRELAND TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION POLICY STATEMENT

We at **NITBF** are committed to good practice which protects children from harm. The committee and volunteers accept and recognise their responsibility to provide an environment which promotes the safety of the child at all times. To achieve this we will:

- Develop an awareness of the issues which may lead to children being harmed.
- Create an open environment by identifying a designated person to whom the children can turn to if they need to talk.
- Adopt child centred and democratic coaching styles.
- Adopt safeguarding guidelines through Codes of Conduct for members, coaches, volunteers and parents/guardians.
- Ensure careful recruitment, selection and management procedures. These procedures will include support and supervision for members/volunteers.
- Ensure complaints, grievance and disciplinary procedures are included in our constitution.
- Share information about concerns with children and parents and others who need to know.
- Provide information as required to the committee.
- Ensure good and safe working/playing practices.
- Be involved in training made available through the various agencies and strengthen links with these agencies.
- Keep Safeguarding policies under regular review (every three years minimum).
- Have procedures relating specifically to bullying, away trips, transport and use of photography.
- Have an induction document available for parents, coaches and children clearly outlining their rights and responsibilities.

Alan Smith
President NITBF

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Date

The **Children (Northern Ireland) Order (1995)** is based on a clear and consistent set of principles designed with the common aim of promoting the welfare of children.

Children have the right to be safe. All coaches should ensure that this fundamental principle takes precedence over all other considerations.