

EPPING TOWN COUNCIL

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Epping Town Council is committed to a safeguarding culture, which protects children and those who come into contact with them. It also applies to vulnerable adults.

Council's commitment to safeguarding is based around the following principles:

- 1) Children must be protected from harm at all times and all children should be safe, happy and valued. Children should feel able to tell us if this is not the case.
- 2) Children using our services and facilities should be able to use our facilities in safety.
- 3) We want to support parents, children and carers using our playgrounds and recreation grounds and participating in our events; promoting safety and wellbeing.
- 4) If we discover or suspect a child is suffering from harm, we will notify the police or social services so any necessary action can be taken.
- 5) This applies to all staff, councilors and volunteers at Epping Town Council. It also applies to those working for us and using our premises.

Source: The Children's Act 1989

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