

Child and Young People Safeguarding Statement

What does Active Tribe Courtown Provide?

Active Tribe Courtown is a leisure and outdoor activity centre providing indoor and outdoor leisure activities, lessons fitness classes and courses to people of all ages and abilities

What is a Child Safeguarding Statement?

Active Tribe's Child Safeguarding Statement outlines our policies and procedures which are in place to identify and manage risk in relation to our assessment of any potential for harm to a child availing of the services provided at Active Tribe.

This statement ensures our commitment to compliance with the Children's First Act 2015.

The Child Safeguarding Statement is a written statement that specifies the service being provided and the principles and procedures to be observed in order to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that a child availing of the services provided is safe from harm.

Overview of Measures in Place

- Risk assessments for all activities provided at Active Tribe Courtown
- Age appropriate equipment and training
- Policies and procedures in place to specifically ensure children and young people are kept safe
- Employment/recruitment processes in place to identify appropriate candidates for available positions
- Garda vetting for all appropriate staffing roles

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Active Tribe acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Sport Ireland requirements.

This policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of sport in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in athletics or outside of the activity.

Active Tribe acknowledges that some children and young people, including those with special needs or those from ethnic minority communities can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare by working with the child's parents or carers.

As part of our safeguarding policy Active Tribe Courtown will:

- Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern.
- Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored

- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals and maintain a safe recruitment and vetting policy
- Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- Provide suitable staff training in the policies and procedures of Active Tribe Courtown
- All policies available to view by centre users at any time and feedback appreciated and used to improve policies and procedures

Active Tribe is committed to ensuring children and young people enjoy their sport in a safe, fun and fair way and we would appeal to everyone involved in sport to play their part. Child protection as part of sport and an active, healthy lifestyle is everyone's responsibility.

Active Tribe recognises that everyone involved with children and young people have a duty to care to act if we have a concern for a child or a young person. The well-being and safety of all children and young people is paramount and all Active Tribe staff are vetted and undergo safeguarding awareness training.

Active Tribe Courtown has appointed Designated Liaison Person(s) (DPLs) and Club Children's Officer(s) (CLOs). They can be contacted at the centre on 053 94 25354 or hello@activetribe.ie or ask for a member of centre management.