



RDAI Safeguarding update 2024/2025
(in accordance with guidelines outlined by HSI)

ALL Volunteers aged over 18 working in our organisation are required to complete Safeguarding 1 within three months of becoming a volunteer. Volunteers/TY students aged between 16 and 18 may also complete Safeguarding 1, with the consent of their parent.

Safeguarding 1.

This course educates participants on the implementation of best practice in protecting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults involved in RDAI.

Safeguarding 2.

Club Children's Officer (CCO) Workshop – a must for all Club Children's Officers/Group Welfare Officers and Coaches.

They are the link between the children/vulnerable adults and the volunteers in the Group.

A person appointed as RDAI Group Children's/Welfare Officer, and all Coaches, must complete Safeguarding 1 before completing Safeguarding 2.

Safeguarding 3.

Designated Liaison Person.

The Designated Liaison Person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child/vulnerable adult abuse to TUSLA Child and Family Agency or Social Services (NI) and/or the Garda Síochána/PSNI.

DLPs should also inform the RDAI National Welfare Officer that a report has been submitted to the statutory authorities.

Please note that every RDAI Group should have a Designated Liaison Person **as well as** a Group Welfare/Children's Officer (who can act as Deputy DLP).

The Group DLP must complete Safeguarding Level 1 and Level 3.

Safeguarding 1 Refresher:

Please bear in mind that Safeguarding 1 Courses must be **refreshed every 3 years**. The refresher can be completed online via the Save Sport app once only, and thereafter on a face-to-face basis (or currently, by renewing the 3-hour course via zoom).

To repeat Safeguarding 1 online, please follow link and instructions below:

<https://able.ineqe.com/apps/sportireland/coaches/introduction.php>

After completing the online test and when **prompted to enter your Sport please select Horse Sport**. When prompted for your **NGB please select Horse Sport Ireland**. County, club and name are personal to applicant so please complete as such.

(*Please note that all Safeguarding courses are currently being completed online*)

For further information about Safeguarding Courses, please contact:

RDAI National Welfare Officer Mary Walsh at rdaiwelfareofficer@gmail.com (Tel: 087 2251267)

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