



**RDAI Safeguarding update 2022/2023**  
**(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.**

**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.

S/he is 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 Sport Ireland Safeguarding Refresher 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:**

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