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SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE WEEK



The LTA's Safeguarding in Tennis Awareness Week, starts on the **2 October 2023**. We will support the Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport Week by NSPCC CPSU.

Join us for informative sessions where you can gain practical guidance and learn from real-life scenarios to fulfill your role effectively.

All sessions are free to attend online and are offered, but not limited to Coaches, Welfare Officers, County Safeguarding Officers, Officials, and county and venue committee members.

Please sign up asap to ensure you can attend live if you wish.

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YOUNG PERSON'S WELFARE AMBASSADORS



Young Person's Welfare Ambassadors recently received training at the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre to increase awareness of safeguarding measures at various venues.

The training session was successful, with the ambassadors demonstrating enthusiasm and contributing creative ideas to help engage more children and young people in safeguarding practices within tennis.

[MORE ON YPWA'S](#)

ADULTS AT RISK

England (Care Act 2014)	Scotland (Adult Support and Protection Act 2007)	Wales (Social Services and Well Being Act 2014)
<p>An individual aged 18 years and over who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and; (b) is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect, and; (c) as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect. 	<p>An individual aged 16 years and over who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is unable to safeguard their own well-being, property, rights or other interests, b) is at risk of harm, and because they are affected by disability, mental disorder, illness or physical or mental infirmity, is more vulnerable to being harmed than adults who are not so affected. 	<p>An individual aged 18 years and over who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect, and; b) has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs) and; c) as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

"Adults at Risk" in the UK may be more susceptible to abuse or neglect due to health, disability, or age. Their vulnerability may stem from limited support, personal care needs,

communication difficulties, or medical conditions that could explain injuries.

How can you identify an adult at risk?

Identifying if someone is an Adult at Risk involves recognising signs of vulnerability and potential risk factors. Some signs include:

- 🔍 Mental health needs, including dementia
- 🔍 Learning disabilities, physical disabilities, or sensory impairment
 - 🔍 Substance misuse
 - 🔍 Fragile health due to age or illness
 - 🔍 Long-term illnesses or conditions
 - 🔍 Dependence on others for care
- 🔍 Or any other factor which may increase their susceptibility to harm

It's important to note that not all indicators suggest an individual is an at-risk adult. To determine this, evaluating whether they can safeguard themselves and make informed decisions is necessary. If they require additional assistance, it's advisable to seek support from local adult services or the safeguarding team.

What should I look out for?

- 🔍 Changes in appearance, behavior, or routines.
 - 🔍 Weight gain or loss
- 🔍 Appearing frightened in the presence of certain people
- 🔍 Unexplained lack of money or inability to maintain lifestyle.
 - 🔍 Appearing withdrawn and isolated
 - 🔍 Unexplained marks/ bruising to the body
 - 🔍 Frequent arguments with caregivers

There could be signs that adults are being harmed by individuals within the organization, such as other club members, volunteers, or coaches. Alternatively, they may be experiencing harm from individuals connected to their personal life outside of sports, such as a caregiver or spouse.

What action should I take?

When speaking with an Adult at Risk, discuss their options like contacting the LTA safeguarding team or adult services. Listen to their wishes and offer support from an advocate if needed. Be cautious when discussing with family or caregivers to avoid any potential risks.

if you're unsure of what to do, seek advice from LTA or adult services without giving away personal information. Referrals to adult services should be made with the adult's consent whenever possible.

If you have received an allegation, no matter how small, it should be reported to the venue welfare officer, who will refer the matter to the LTA safeguarding team click the link below.

[REGISTER CONCERN](#)

ANTI DOPING

Occasionally, we receive inquiries from welfare officers who express concerns about drug or substance use by members or visitors at their venue or event.

The nature and circumstances of each concern raised will determine how it should be managed, which may be through either the venue or LTA code of conduct and disciplinary processes.

All tennis players are subject to the LTA's anti-doping regulations. Contact the LTA at anti-doping@lta.org.uk for assistance.

We also have downloadable PDF resources with further information:

 [Advice Card](#)

 [A4 Poster](#)

[MORE ON ANTI DOPING](#)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you completed “[Izzey’s Story](#),” our new safeguarding course yet?, yet this is an interactive and immersive course developed with the University of Kent’s Centre for Child Protection.

The course is free, and Welfare Officers who complete it and provide their details at the end will have **12 months** added to their safeguarding validity.


[Safeguarding in Tennis Together \(WO course\) renewed content](#)


This LTA level 2 safeguarding course allows Welfare Officers to build upon existing safeguarding knowledge. This is an e-course and can be completed in your own time. It can be completed if your last course was face-to-face or in a virtual classroom.

The course assists to:

 Identify ways to create safer organisational cultures in your venue.

 Develop an understanding of factors that can increase the risk of abuse.

 Increase confidence in responding to safeguarding concerns and the involved process.

 Understand how a case of grooming can occur within a tennis venue and the impact of this.

All venues must complete committee training and should be led by the welfare officer to engage with the wider committee.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

[COMMITTEE TRAINING LOG](#)

SHOUT OUTS

Tunbridge Wells - A high standard of safeguarding protocols was evident at this club. The Management team, Welfare Officers and Coaching Team should be applauded for their collective efforts. A big well done!

Well done to **Windsor LTC** for demonstrating their commitment to safeguarding by effectively implementing their protocols and policies and successfully putting them into practice.



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