



## **Safeguarding Children Policy Statement**

Mountain Extreme recognises that all children and vulnerable adults have the right to be protected from harm and live in a safe environment.

Mountain Extreme has a duty of care to safeguard all children and vulnerable adults involved in Mountain Extreme activities from harm. All children have the right to protection and the needs of children and vulnerable adults from all backgrounds and abilities must be taken into account. This includes children of all ages, ethnicity, social backgrounds, abilities, sexual orientation, religious belief and political persuasion. Mountain Extreme will ensure the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults involved in its activities through adherence to its Child Safeguarding Policy and Codes of Practice and Guidelines.

Mountain Extreme will support anyone who, in good faith, reports his or her concerns that a child or vulnerable adult is at risk of, or may actually be, being abused.

### **Principles**

The following principles underpin Mountain Extreme Child Safeguarding Policy:

- To provide children, young people with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care and responsibility of Mountain Extreme.
- All managers and senior staff should promote a culture that ensures children are listened to and respected as individuals.
- To allow all staff/volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child safeguarding and child protection issues.
- All suspicions of child abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- A child is defined as an individual under the age of 18.
- To help and support all individuals involved in providing activities for young people on behalf of Mountain Extreme.
- To give guidance and support, when required, to all organisations and individuals involved in providing climbing and mountaineering activities for young people.
- That all children, regardless their age, ethnicity, abilities, social background, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or political persuasion, have the right to live in a safe environment.
- That any sanctions used must be non-violent and must not involve humiliating children and young people.
- That the welfare of the child is paramount and will underpin all guidance.
- This guidance is mandatory for all staff