



Dear Parent / Carer

SAFE TO PLAY CAMPAIGN

As the school holidays approach, you may well be considering booking your children into activities to keep them entertained, BUT how safe are your children and would you know what questions to ask?

The National Working Group Network (<https://www.nwgnetwork.org/>) and South Tyneside Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership (STSCAP) announce the launch of the **SAFE TO PLAY CAMPAIGN** which will help improve the safety of children playing sport, participating in dance, drama or other activities that they attend outside of school.

Safe to Play is:

- **Free interactive cards which give information via mobile phones and tablets**
- **Designed to help parents and carers ask the right questions which will develop safer environments for children taking part in sport and activities**
- **A way to help promote positive safeguarding messages to parents and carers and encourage them to ask the important questions before they let their children attend activities.**

The credit card sized resources will be available at the organisations listed overleaf in the coming weeks – be sure to collect yours and share with family and friends.

In the meantime, we would advise that you ask the following key questions to organisers of activities prior to leaving your children in their care;

1. Do you have a copy of the Safeguarding Policy to share with me?
2. Who is your designated Welfare / Safeguarding Officer?
3. Are all your club leaders / volunteers DBS checked?
4. Have your leaders completed safeguarding training?
5. How would I report any concerns?

If you are worried about a child or an adult, please report your concerns without delay on the contact numbers detailed overleaf.

Together we can make sure our children are Safe to Play - Enjoy the summer!

Kind regards

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Safe to Play Cards are available from:

All South Tyneside Leisure Centres, Simonside Climbing Wall, South Tyneside Water Activities Centre, Thurston Outdoor Education Centre, Hebburn Town FC, Spotlight Dance Academy, Tyneside Outdoors, Boldon Community Association, Northumbria Police South Shields Station Millbank, South Tyneside Hospital, Hartleyburn CA, The Customs House and Blissability.

Worried About A Child?

If you are worried about a child, please report your concerns to:

Integrated Safeguarding Intervention Team, Children and Families Social Care

0191 4245010 (during office hours)

0191 4562093 (out of hours and bank holidays)

For children at risk of immediate harm contact the Police on 999 or 101

Worried About an Adult?

If you are worried about an adult, please report your concerns to:

Let's Talk Service, Adult Social Care

0191 4246000 (during office hours)

0191 4562093 (out of office hours and bank holidays)

For adults at risk of immediate harm contact the Police on 999 or 101