

The policies and guidelines referenced within this document are those of British Canoeing and its Home Nation associations.

Minimum Training Requirement

An equivalent to the British Canoeing Paddlesafe Online course can be accepted. An example is the [NSPCC Child Protection in Sport online course](#). This offers basic introduction to safeguarding and child protection but is not a substitute for where direct delivery is required.*

To find out if your online training course can be accepted as an equivalent to the British Canoeing Paddlesafe Online course send the course certificate and details to coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk, CANI members – office@cani.org.uk, SCA members – child.protection@canoescotland.org, CW members – nigel.midgley@canoewales.com.

**Individuals who work regularly or alone with children should undertake the Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop or a basic safeguarding workshop as described below.*

Basic Safeguarding Workshops

We appreciate that individuals may have undertaken safeguarding courses through work or other organisations. The following criterion indicates the requirements for a course to be considered as an equivalent to the recognised and recommended Sports Coach UK (ScUK) Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop.

1. Attended within the last three years.
2. Courses must involve a minimum of 2 hours direct delivery.
3. A certificate from the course is available to prove attendance.
4. Details of learning outcomes from the course made available.
5. The course should include the following training outcomes so that coaches are able to:
 - identify situations and practices that might constitute either poor practice or possible abuse
 - identify ways of dealing with your own feelings about child abuse and state what constitutes neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse
 - recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and appreciate why reporting it is often so difficult
 - identify appropriate action if a child discloses he/she has been abused
 - identify appropriate action if abuse is suspected and explain the role and responsibilities of other experts (e.g. police, social services)
 - describe appropriate practice that reduces the likelihood of abuse occurring

To find out if your Safeguarding training course can be accepted as an equivalent to the Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop send the course certificate and details of the learning outcomes to coaching@britishcanoeing.org.uk, CANI members – office@cani.org.uk, SCA members – child.protection@canoescotland.org, CW members – nigel.midgley@canoewales.com

Renewal: Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport (ScUK)

This Sports Coach UK online renewal course can be accepted as a refresher/ renewal course **only** if a face to face basic Safeguarding workshop has been completed within the last five years. This course **cannot** be used as a substitute for the initial face to face course.

Time to Listen/In Safe Hands Workshop – for Club and Event Welfare Officers

This is a British Canoeing/NSPCC/Children First workshop and as such there is currently no equivalent. However, if a designated officer has attended a Time to Listen/In Safe Hands Workshop with another sport – then you would need to familiarise yourself with British Canoeing policies and procedures including who to report concerns to and where Safeguarding resources and guidance can be found. If this is the case please contact the relevant home nation office, email kimberley.walsh@britishcanoeing.org.uk, CANI members - office@cani.org.uk, SCA members - child.protection@canoescotland.org, CW members – nigel.midgley@canoewales.com.