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Cricket Club Safeguarding

From Compliance to Culture

Helping you stay on the front foot with safeguarding updates and guidance from across the game.



Welcome

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our safeguarding newsletter. I am delighted to have taken on the role of **County Safeguarding Officer** and I look forward to supporting you, sharing updates, and working together to continue building a strong safeguarding culture across our county.

cricket **safe, welcoming, and enjoyable** for everyone. *Best wishes Kirsty Sockett*



Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Level 1 – FREE Online Course

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Whatever your role in cricket, we encourage **all club members and volunteers** to complete the **Introduction to Safeguarding (Level 1)** course.

The training takes around **30 minutes**, is fully online, and can be completed on a laptop, tablet, or mobile phone. [**Access the course here**](#)

Safeguarding Level 2 – Required for Key Roles

Safeguarding Level 2 is the **new ECB course**, delivered by the Cricket Regulator Safeguarding Team, replacing **Safeguarding for Specialist Roles (SSR)**.

It helps learners understand **what to look out for** and **how to respond to safeguarding concerns**.

This course is required for:

Coaches, Officials, Captains/Vice-Captains, Team Managers, Committee Members, and **Club & League Safeguarding Officers**. [**Access the course here**](#)

CSOs play a vital role in keeping cricket safe, welcoming, and inclusive. To be a qualified CSO, you must have completed:

Safeguarding Level 2 (online)

Safe Hands Workshop (Level 3 – face to face)

Valid ECB DBS

Next Safe Hands Workshop:

Tuesday 24 March, 6–9pm

Herefordshire Cricket Centre (Pentland Gardens)

[Book here](#)

This is the only Safe Hands course in Herefordshire this year.

All CSO training must be **renewed every three years**.

Safe Hands Management System (SHMS)

help cricket clubs manage and track their compliance with essential safeguarding standards, ensuring all officials and volunteers have valid DBS checks and necessary training for roles working with children or running club activities. It serves as a central database for club information, tracks qualifications like **Safe Hands** & DBS, and helps clubs meet legal requirements for creating a safe environment for all participants, especially juniors.

Now is the time to access the system, update captain's details and check that everyone has a DBS that needs one. **Remember** DBS only last for 12months.

If you are new to safeguarding or do not currently have access to the system, then please contact your committee to request access.

Useful Links:

[**What is the Safe Hands Management System? \(Video\)**](#)

[**Club Administrator Video Tutorials**](#)

Safe Recruitment and DBS Checks

It is essential that cricket clubs follow safer recruitment guidance to ensure all volunteers in cricket are suitable for their role, appropriately vetted and supported by their club.

- Check qualifications - HCL can help with this
- Start an ECB DBS if their role requires one
- Check with previous club or ask for references
- Issue code of conduct outlining expected behaviour

Useful Links

[**Safer Recruitment Quick Guide For Clubs**](#)

[**ECB Safer Recruitment Web Page**](#)

Safety In Cricket



Net Safety and Neck Protectors

We were deeply saddened to learn about the death of a young cricketer in Australia in October 2025, who it is understood was struck in the neck from a ball delivered by a ball thrower (sometimes known as a 'dog stick'). In light of this tragic event the ECB has reviewed its relevant safety regulations and policies, and is making the following updates:

All cricketers are strongly advised to wear neck protectors at all times that they are required or recommended to wear helmets.

It is recommended that ball throwers and bowling machines are only operated by adults who are suitably experienced, competent, and familiar with their safe operation. Bowling machines and ball throwers should not be operated by U18s.

New Safety Guidelines for Training Environments have been created and cover:

- **Safe set up and operation of net facilities**
- **Operation of bowling machines**
- **Use of ball throwers**

The updated Safety Regulations and Guidelines can be viewed below. Safeguarding Officers should share this guidance with coaches and encourage ongoing discussions about safe practice.

Useful Links:

- [**ECB Coaches Safety Pack**](#)
- [**Concussion Guidance**](#)
- [**What's New Poster - safety in rec cricket**](#)

Recreational Cricket Safety Guidelines Update Dec 25

Overseas Players - Update to requirement for a Governing Body Endorsement

Following a review of safeguarding policies, with immediate effect, all new applications for a Governing Body Endorsement will require a Police Clearance Certificate, valid from within 90 days of the applicant's planned arrival in the UK. A GBE will not be issued without this.

For applications already submitted since 1 September 2025, and where the accompanying police clearance certificate is more than 90 days old prior to the applicant's arrival in the UK - an additional police clearance certificate that has been undertaken within 90 days of the applicant's arrival in the UK and taking up of their role will be required to be submitted to the ECB's Managed Migration team.

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