

StreetGames and Safeguarding children and young people

StreetGames operates in a child and young person centred way when it comes to developing and delivering its programmes and opportunities. The welfare and safety of young people is always at the forefront of our minds.

Through StreetMark we want to encourage all organisations to review their approach to safeguarding, welfare and child protection. Is your organisation doing all it can to ensure the welfare and safety of young people and giving them the best possible experience at your sessions or activities?

StreetMark begins with organisations demonstrating they have demonstrated to StreetGames that it has the following in place:

- Safeguarding policy
- A clear process for checking the appropriateness of staff - including DBS checks (if not included in the safeguarding policy)
- Health and Safety policy
- Relevant Insurance
- Data protection policy

During the course of our own safeguarding work, we will identify a number of organisations who are applying for StreetMark to meet and discuss with them their safeguarding policies and procedures. By doing this we are trying to learn what approaches different organisations take, identify areas of good practice or areas of development in which StreetGames may be able to support your organisation or link you to a relevant partner. StreetGames works closely with the Child Protection in Sport Unit to ensure we are aware of any current issues relating to the safety and welfare of children and young people and are able to pass this onto StreetMark holders.

StreetGames takes great care and interest in the welfare and safety of children and young people. We are fully aware that due to the nature of the network and the way StreetGames operates that in the main we are not directly responsible for the safety and welfare of children and young people, but it is the local organisation running the session or activity who has this important responsibility. The table below outlines the various ways in which activity happens across the network that may be defined or described as 'StreetGames' (at a local, regional or national level). In each of these, the welfare and safety responsibility lies with different organisations.



Type of 'StreetGames' activity	Examples of Activity	Who is responsible for welfare and safeguarding	Expectations
Directly run by StreetGames	Regional Events and Festivals Young Volunteer residential	StreetGames. Overall responsibility lies with the designated officer. At each event there is a welfare safeguarding lead. Each event also has its own welfare and safeguarding plan bespoke to that event.	StreetGames will inform each visiting organisation of the welfare and safeguarding plans. Any issues/disclosures that arise at that event or residential will be managed by StreetGames. If it is appropriate, StreetGames will share this information and case management with the organisation the child or young person came from to attend the event or residential.
StreetGames Funded and resourced Activity	Where StreetGames supplies funding and/or resources for the delivery of Doorstep Sport.	The local delivery organisation (with designated lead for safeguarding) Safeguarding is present in the StreetMark process. Organisations will be required to have a safeguarding policy, health and safety, data protection and relevant insurances in place.	Any issues or disclosures that happen during these activity sessions are to be managed by the organisation delivering the activities and the staff members responsible for these. StreetGames would expect that any issues or disclosures taking place at a branded/funded activity or programme to be shared with the Designated Safeguarding Officer at StreetGames.
Non StreetGames Resourced Activity	Local activity is being delivered under the 'brand' of StreetGames, but the organisation is not in receipt of funding or resources	The local delivery organisation will be the organisation responsible and will have confirmed through the StreetMark process that they have the necessary policies and procedures in place.	Whilst there is less expectation on host organisations to share information relating to safeguarding incidents at activities that are branded as StreetGames, we would still expect issues or incidents to be shared with the StreetGames Designated Safeguarding Officer.



Social Media

We are well aware of the importance of social media to young people and local delivery organisations alike. It can be an incredibly powerful tool. However, it can also carry a risk in relation to the welfare and safety of children and young people.

Like most organisations, StreetGames uses social media and we must be clear in how we use it effectively and safely across the network.

- **Direct StreetGames Delivery** - StreetGames staff and contractors working in public-facing roles will adhere to the StreetGames ICT policy outlining appropriate use of social media. The Safeguarding policy will also be applied to the conduct and communication of StreetGames staff whilst using social media.
- **StreetGames Funded and StreetGames Resourced Activity** - StreetGames will remind organisations that by delivering as part of a funded programme or carrying the name and logo of StreetGames, they are representing the charity at a local level. This applies to their conduct and communication via social media. Guidelines on the use of social media and safeguarding are available via the Child Protection in Sport Unit - <http://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/?topic=1104>

It is expected that if any poor practice or inappropriate behaviour takes place on either StreetGames or a local delivery organisations social media channels, that it is to be identified and reported to the relevant people within that organisation. For example, if StreetGames is found to be posting inappropriate or unsafe content on social media, the StreetGames Designated Safeguarding Officer is to be contacted and made aware of the incident. This is also expected to take place if StreetGames identifies anything posted from an organisation within the StreetGames network that is deemed inappropriate or unsafe. In this instance StreetGames will contact the Designated Safeguarding Officer from that organisation.