

**SARNIA SWORD CLUB**  
**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

All participants in our sport have the right to be safe and to be treated with dignity and respect. The promotion of good practice will reduce the possibility of abusive situations occurring. In Sarnia Sword Club we believe that the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone in fencing – administrator, club official, coach, parent, friend, children themselves, everyone – can help.

Sarnia Sword Club is concerned with the welfare of all its members. We seek to safeguard all members of the Club, of all ages. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people.

Abuse can occur anywhere there are children – at home, at school, in the park, at the club. Sadly, there are some people who will seek to be where children are, simply in order to abuse them. We believe that everyone in Sarnia Sword Club has a part to play in looking after the children with whom we are working. This is both a moral and a legal obligation. The relevant Guernsey legislation is The Children (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2008.

Sarnia Sword Club follows the guidelines of the UK Fencing Governing Body, British Fencing. A full copy of their Child Protection Policy can be found at:

<https://www.britishfencing.com/policy-zone/welfare-policies-guidelines/>

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