



# BRISTOL MOTOR CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

## Foreword

The Motor Sports Association has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that its members and affiliates provide the highest possible standard of care when given responsibility for young people.

The Child Protection Policy and Guidelines recognises the responsibility of all those involved in Motor Sport (professional and volunteers) to safeguard and promote the interests and well being of the children and young competitors with whom they are working.

By raising awareness and understanding of the main forms of abuse, and by establishing appropriate procedures if abuse is suspected, young drivers, marshals, and all other young people working within Motor Sport will be further safeguarded.

## Bristol Motor Club Policy Statement

- The welfare of young people is our primary concern. As defined in the Children Act 1989, anyone under 18 years of age is considered a child for the purposes of this document.
- All children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of inappropriate behaviour will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- It is the responsibility of the child protection experts to determine whether or not abuse has taken place but it is **everyone's responsibility to report** any concerns.

## Club Child Protection Officer (CCPO)

Bristol MC's CCPO is Richard Marsh, 07786 068830, [r\\_marshy22@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r_marshy22@yahoo.co.uk)

The appointment of a Club Child Protection Officer helps to ensure that the MSA Child Protection Policy works in practice. He is the first point of contact for anyone in the club (member, non-member, volunteer, paid or licensed official, parent or young person) who has a concern about poor practice or possible abuse by adults working with children. The Child Protection Officer is approachable and has a child-focused approach. He is not necessarily a child protection 'expert'; that role belongs to the statutory agencies (Police and Social Services).