

# SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS & INFORMATION

## EBU & EBED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Richard Croot [safeguarding@ebu.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ebu.co.uk)

## EBU & EBED DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Abbey Smith [safeguarding@ebu.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ebu.co.uk) can help with questions you may have.

## EBU & EBED SAFEGUARDING POLICY

[www.ebu.co.uk/information-resources/safeguarding-policy](http://www.ebu.co.uk/information-resources/safeguarding-policy)

## LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICERS

(LADO) are appointed by each Local Authority to manage allegations against adults who come into contact with children. <https://rb.gy/kbd9hr>

Local authorities have social workers who deal specifically with cases of abuse and neglect. Call the person's local council and ask for the adult safeguarding co-ordinator.

NSPCC provides information about [safeguarding and child protection](#)

<https://rb.gy/neabmv>

POLICE can be contacted by phone on **101** for non-emergency matters or **999** when it's an emergency.

NHS provides [information about abuse and neglect of adults at risk](#)

<https://rb.gy/43fe4s>



---

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS AT RISK  
IN BRIDGE CLUBS**

---

## OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

As the national organisation for duplicate bridge, the EBU's membership includes both young people and adults at risk to whom we have a duty to ensure a safe environment whenever they are playing in our events, whether nationally, at county level or in clubs.

This leaflet is intended to help clubs by highlighting issues that they might not have thought of and provide some practical ideas to help them provide as safe an environment as possible for everyone.

Although some clubs do not have any junior members, they may nonetheless have occasional young players visit; most clubs will have older players, some of whom may have become frail or started to experience dementia. This can put them in a position where they could be taken advantage of, and we should all be aware of this and ready to offer help and protection if it seems to be needed.

While we primarily mean under-18s when we talk of young people, some over-18s are still at risk of being manipulated or pressured.

### Do:

- Take concerns expressed by young people seriously.
- Involve their parents/guardians in any arrangements you might make with young people, such as to play bridge with them.
- Ensure that other adults are nearby when you have any interaction with young people.
- Be aware of any of your actions that could be misinterpreted.
- Maintain a happy and safe environment for all in your club.

### Don't:

- Give personal information, such as contact details, to any young person in the club.
- Accept any personal information from young people except through their parents/guardians.
- Instigate or respond to physical contact with young people in the club; ensure you tell someone else, such as a committee member, if this happens.

## SAFEGUARDING OF ADULTS AT RISK

Definition An *adult at risk* is anyone aged 18+ who:

Needs care and support,

Is experiencing or at risk of abuse/neglect, and  
Cannot protect themselves as a result. All three criteria must apply.

Key Guidance

Be alert to possible abuse or neglect of older members, shown through behaviour changes, financial issues, injuries, or by what they share with you. This be both at home and in the club.

Look out for anyone taking advantage of vulnerable members, such as those with memory issues.

Report concerns to appropriate authorities (police, social services, healthcare).

Do not contact alleged abusers. Do not involve family without the adult's consent.

Support adults at risk in accessing services (medical, counselling or legal assistance).

Create a safe, respectful environment that protects dignity.

In a bridge club setting, this may mean ensuring elderly or frail members can travel home safely.