

10 Safeguarding Questions Parents & Carers should ask a Gymnastics Club

Scottish Gymnastics is committed to making sure everyone can learn and enjoy gymnastics in a positive, safe and healthy environment. We work with member clubs to support and promote a safe and rewarding environment in which young people can develop their skills and confidence.

We provide protection and leadership to everyone in gymnastics through policies, training, and guidance. Our safeguarding procedures include the safe recruitment of everyone working with children in our clubs, including coaches, helpers, chaperones and safeguarding officers. We would encourage parents and carers to find out the safeguarding processes in their child's club by asking these key questions.

Is your club registered with Scottish Gymnastics

Does the club have a named and trained safeguarding officer whose role it is to coordinate the protection of children?

Are all the coaches, helpers and officials working with children and young people members of Scottish Gymnastics?

Are all the coaches qualified and insured to the appropriate level?

Are there procedures in place for reporting any issues or concerns about the well-being of children and young people?

Have all coaches and helpers working with children and young people been recruited using Scottish Gymnastics safe recruitment procedures?

Does the club operate a sign out register for children?

Does the club have a safeguarding policy which reflects Scottish Gymnastics guidelines?

Have all coaches and helpers working with children and young people attended safeguarding training organised through Scottish Gymnastics?

Does your club hold relevant medical and special requirement information on each child and parent/carer emergency contact details?

Helping you to stay safe and have fun in gymnastics