



"ESCAPE believes everyone has a responsibility to prompt the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them"

ESCAPE Family Support

Children Safeguarding Policy Statement

Key messages for you:

- A child is anyone who has not reached their 18th birthday. At ESCAPE we work with children no matter how they identify, whatever their background, race or beliefs are. Everyone is welcome at ESCAPE.
- Sometimes people can harm children by hurting them, sexually abusing them, upsetting them, and not providing care for them. **This should never happen.**
- If someone harms you while you are at ESCAPE, please tell a member of staff. If someone harms someone else while you are at ESCAPE, please tell a member of staff. **You will always be listened to.**
- It is **never** your fault if someone harms you. It is the **responsibility of ESCAPE** to listen to you, **help you** and **work with you** to respond to your concerns.
- Sometimes we may have to speak to other professionals about what has happened **to help keep you and others safe.**

ESCAPE Family Support commits to:

- Providing a **safe place** where you are welcome and feel able to speak out about anything you are worried about.
- **Protecting** you, and other children or young people who come to ESCAPE Family Support.
- **Respecting and promoting** your rights, wishes and feelings.
- **Working in partnership** with you, your parents, carers, and other people who help you.
- **Promoting good safeguarding practice** by ensuring our staff know how to listen and support you.

If you are worried, you can also talk to:

- **Childline: 08001111**
- **ESCAPE helpline: 07702833944**
- **Police (non-emergency): 111**
- **Police (emergency): 999**

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility