



## **The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers**

### **Child Protection Policy**

The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers are committed to a practice which protects children from harm.

The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers accept and recognize our responsibilities to develop awareness of issues which cause children and young people harm.

As defined by the Child Protection Act of 1989, anyone under the age of 18 will be considered a child for the purpose of this document.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

- Have a positive and enjoyable experience at events sponsored by the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers in a safe environment
- Are protected from abuse while at events sponsored by the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers

The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy The Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers will:

- Endeavour to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- Promote the understanding of Members roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding children and follows the code of conduct (Appendix A)
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual(s) who raise or disclose the concern
- Ensure that confidential, detailed, and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored (Appendix B)
- Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation

This policy is reviewed regularly and updated as required.

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