



RISBOROUGH RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Whistle Blowing

Whistle-blowing in a safeguarding context means revealing and raising concerns over misconduct or malpractice within an organisation, or within an independent structure associated with it.

It can be used as an early-warning system or when it's recognised that appropriate actions have not been taken. This approach or policy is adopted in many different walks of life.

- Any adult or young person with concerns about a colleague's conduct towards a child or young person can also use whistle-blowing by calling 0800 169 1863 and asking for The FA's safeguarding team, or via email to: safeguarding@TheFA.com

Alternatively, concerns can be reported:

- Direct to the local Police or Children's Social Care services, or
- The Child Protection in Sport Unit at cpsu@nspcc.org.uk, or
- The NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 or
- email: help@nspcc.org.uk

It is important to state that anything urgent, where there may be an immediate risk of harm to a child, must be reported to the police or children's social care in your area. Referring non-immediate risk of harm concerns can be done via the Club, League or County FA – all have a Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO). Alternatively, The FA can be emailed directly at safeguarding@TheFA.com

If clubs or the County FA DSO cannot be contacted, call the 24-hour NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Concerns that someone may be behaving inappropriately or seeking to groom a child in an online environment should be reported to www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre. Reports made there will be directed to the team at the National Crime Agency.

The relevant County FA should also be informed, or The FA at safeguarding@TheFA.com

Victims of non-recent sexual abuse in football should contact the NSPCC or The FA at safeguarding@TheFA.com

If a child or young person is in immediate danger, the advice is ALWAYS to call 999.