



MARKET DEEPING MODEL RAILWAY CLUB CIO

Reg Charity No. 1187779

SAFEGUARDING OF YOUNG AND / OR VULNERABLE PEOPLE at the EXHIBITION 9-10 May 2026

It is the legal duty of the club, both as an organization and a charity to ensure that the young and / or vulnerable are protected from harm, irrespective of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity.

Safeguarding: is action taken to promote the welfare of those who are vulnerable. It is important to realise that safeguarding also impacts on us as individuals in ensuring that actions we take are proper and appropriate, also saving us from inappropriate allegations.

Key Actions for MDMRC CIO Members / Volunteers / Parents / Layout Teams / Traders:

1. Ensure you are NEVER alone with an unsupervised child (unless related by blood or law to that child, e.g. a grandchild or guardian).
2. Ensure all visiting children (under 16) are accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. (Those under 18 qualify for child entry ticket rates.)
3. If a young or vulnerable person becomes separated from a parent or carer, ensure that behavior and actions on their part or that of others is not likely to cause harm. Without causing further alarm to the young person or those around you, try to reunite them with their parent or carer. Call either the Chairman Martin Reynolds (07977 494524) or Exhibition Coordinator Peter Davies (07779 780021) to report the incident and, if it is necessary, they will take further action.
4. In the event of a safeguarding issue being observed (as described by the charity's Safeguarding Policy to include abuse of any kind), please report it directly to the charity's Acting Safeguarding Officer, Alan Hancock (07795 157432). Alan can be found on the MDMRC Preloved stand (27 in the Sports Hall – Hall 5).
5. Ensure when children are operating a layout that this is done with parental or carer permission and that the young person remains within sight of the parent or guardian. (Children are not to be left to "have a go" on a layout while parent/carer goes elsewhere.)
6. Those who have become separated from parent or carer must not be allowed to leave the premises alone. **DO NOT USE** any physical means of restraint.
7. **Remember** that **ANY** photographs taken require the permission of those to be photographed. In the case of young or vulnerable people permission can only be granted by parent or carer.
8. **If dealing with any incident, do not do so alone unless that is absolutely necessary.**

Children or Vulnerable People MUST NOT:

1. Be present during build up or breakdown of exhibits and trade stands.
2. Be unsupervised in car parks, loading or unloading areas.
3. Be taken out of the sight of a parent or carer.
4. Be allowed to participate in exhibition activities without the permission of the parent or carer.
5. Be exposed to any potential risk within the exhibition, e.g. soldering irons, trip hazards, sharp edges, etc.

If anything you observe raises Safeguarding concerns, however apparently trivial, DO NOT IGNORE IT - it is better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt raise it with the Exhibition Coordinator (Peter Davies 07779 780021) or Safeguarding Officer (Alan Hancock 07795 157432) without delay. Thank you.