



## Safeguarding Statement of Intent

Halifax Sport Karate is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children, young people, and adults at risk who participate in our activities. We recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all individuals can train, develop, and enjoy martial arts free from harm, abuse, or exploitation. We align our safeguarding practices with the standards set out in the Safeguarding Code in Martial Arts and adopt a zero-tolerance approach to any form of abuse, neglect, bullying, or discrimination. **Our Commitments**

- Prioritise welfare and wellbeing at all times
- Provide a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment
- Ensure safer recruitment and appropriate vetting (including DBS checks)
- Provide safeguarding training for staff and volunteers
- Encourage open reporting of concerns
- Respond promptly and appropriately to safeguarding issues
- Work in partnership with parents, carers, and agencies
- Regularly review safeguarding policies

### **Codes of Conduct**

All members, instructors, and volunteers will:

- Treat everyone with respect and dignity
- Act as positive role models
- Maintain appropriate boundaries
- Avoid inappropriate behaviour
- Report concerns immediately

### **Safeguarding Responsibility**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. A designated Welfare Officer oversees safeguarding matters and ensures compliance with policies and national guidance. **Statement of Assurance**

We are committed to continuous improvement in safeguarding practice and to providing a safe and empowering environment for all participants.