

# Safeguarding Questions for Parents & Carers

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## Staff & Training

- **DBS Checks:** Have all staff and volunteers had recent DBS checks?
- **Safeguarding Lead:** Who is your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and when was their training last updated?
- **Staff Training:** What training have staff had regarding safe working practices (e.g. lone working, phone use, contacting children)?
- **Rules:** Do you have an up-to-date staff Code of Conduct and a copy of your Child Protection Policy?

## Environment & Other Adults

- **Other Adults:** Will any adults besides the instructor be regularly present at the venue?
- **Internet Safety:** Are children allowed unsupervised internet access? If so, what filtering and monitoring systems are in place?

## Individual & Medical Needs

- **SEND Support:** What steps will you take to accommodate my child's Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities?
- **Personal Care:** How will specific needs like toileting, changing, feeding, or medication be managed?

## Data Privacy

- **Data Security:** How is my child's personal information securely stored, who has access to it, and will it be shared?

## Critical Red Flags (When to Choose a Different Setting)

If a provider shows any of these signs, it is a major warning:

- **Missing Policies:** No Child Protection, Health & Safety, or Fire Escape policies.
- **Staff Failures:** Staff lack DBS checks, or there is no trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- **Poor Admin:** No parental consent forms or emergency contact details required.
- **Unsafe Environment:** No first aid kit, no designated first aider, or dangerous physical hazards (e.g., loose wires, damp).
- **Supervision Risks:** Unvetted adults filtering through the setting, or unmonitored internet access.
- **Visible Concerns:** Signs of unexplained injuries or bruises on other children.