



Abbeymead Rovers Football Club



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Missing Child Policy

Abbeymead Rovers has the highest regard for the safety of the children in our care. Coaching Teams will always be extremely aware of the potential for children to go missing during training sessions or matches.

Even when all precautions are properly observed, emergencies can still arise. If for any reason a Coach or Assistant Coach cannot account for a child's whereabouts during a session, the following procedure will be activated:

- All members of the Coaching Team must be informed that a child is missing. The Lead Coach is to make a detailed note of the circumstances in which the child went missing ie where they were last seen etc. Also a detailed physical description of the child must be compiled ie hair colour, eye colour, height, build and clothing they are wearing. This must be readily available should the Police be involved.
- A thorough search of the area will commence with a request that all those taking part in the search to report back to the Lead Coach every 10 minutes.
- The Coaching Team will be careful not to create an atmosphere of panic and to ensure that the other children remain safe and adequately supervised, appropriately whilst the search for the missing child is carried out.

- Members of the Coaching Team will be extra vigilant to any potentially suspicious behaviour of persons in & around the area.
- If after 10 minutes of thorough searching the child is still missing the Lead Coach will contact the Police, the parents (if they are not present) and the Club Welfare Officer. The searching must continue whilst waiting for the Police to respond.
- Ensure that all relevant parties (parents, searches, Police) are informed immediately if the child is located.

Once the incident is resolved the Coaching Team, together with the Management Committee will conduct a review of the relevant policies & procedures and recommend any necessary amendments, paying particular attention to the risk assessment of the particular venue.

All incidents of children going missing from an ARFC training session or match will be recorded on an Incident Record Sheet.

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