



Ravenstone Village Hall

10 - Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Statement

The Trustees for Ravenstone Village Hall attach the greatest importance to the safety and protection from abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults.

Abuse can happen to a child at any age, from pre-birth up to the age of 18. It can happen in well-off families and in poor families; it can happen to children from any ethnic and cultural background; it can happen to children with or without disabilities; it can be deliberate or unintentional.

It is very important that you take action straight away if you think a child you know is being abused. The longer the abuse goes on, the longer it will take for a child to recover.

Sometimes abuse gets worse over time if nothing is done and the child suffers increasingly serious harm. Children are dependent on others for their survival and have a right to be protected.

Some people over the age of 18 are also vulnerable to abuse and neglect if they have:

- learning / physical / sensory disability
- mental ill health or dementia
- frailty due to age
- acquired brain injury
- a drug / alcohol problem
- certain types of physical illness

Although you may understandably feel reluctant to get involved, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is everybody's responsibility.

If you have a concern about a child, vulnerable adult or the behaviour of a person attending the event towards a child or vulnerable adult, in the first instance tell the event organiser.

Event organisers/ hirers of should make themselves familiar with Ravenstone Village Hall Safeguarding Policy. Additional information can also be found on The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership website www.lrsb.org.uk

Additional Contacts:

Leicestershire County Council 0116 305 0005

Police Non-Emergency 101

Emergency 999