



A Model Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy for Adoption by a Rotaract Club

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy for the Rotaract Club of *(insert name)*.....

The Rotaract Club of *(insert name)* has adopted this statement of policy in its work with children, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability.

- The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and persons with disability take priority.
- It is the duty of every Rotaractor to safeguard to the best of his or her ability, the welfare of and prevent the assault, physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotaract duties.

The Rotaract club will endeavour to ensure safeguarding by:

- Actively encouraging a climate through which protection issues are regarded as an essential part of Rotaract activities and events.
- Appointing a Rotaractor with responsibility for protection issues in the Rotaract club: the Club Protection Officer. (There is no need for this to be a separate post in the club – the position can be combined with an existing position such as community officer or president.)
- Adopting protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for all Rotaractors, staff, other helpers and volunteers associated with the club.
- Planning all events and activities so that protection issues are properly addressed.
- Sharing information on protection and good practice with children, parents and carers, Rotaract, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club.
- Following the agreed guidelines on how to deal with the disclosure or discovery of abuse and sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know.
- Advising on appropriate training for Rotaractors, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club, in the processes and procedures of child and vulnerable adult protection.
- Following carefully the procedures for the recruitment and selection of Rotaractors, staff, helpers and volunteers associated with the club to assist with projects and activities.
- Monitoring and reviewing this policy and the associated procedures on a regular basis, at least annually.

Signature (Club President): Dated:.....

Name (Club President):

The statement of policy

A Rotaract Club should formally agree the statement outlined above and this should be recorded in the minutes of a club meeting.