

Safeguarding Children Policy

My responsibility as a childminder is to ensure the safety and welfare of all the children in my care in line with the procedures laid out by my local Safeguarding Children's Board.

(The Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for producing Safeguarding Children Procedures based on national guidelines set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (Dept of Education & Skills). It monitors the effectiveness of the Procedures systematically and amends them as it becomes necessary.)

I have received training on Safeguarding Children (Child Protection) and am aware of the signs and symptoms of child abuse, physical, emotional and sexual, and those of neglect.

If I have reason to believe that any child in my care is being abused in any way I will report the matter to the Social Services, Child protection Team. Under these circumstances I will not be able to keep information relating to your child confidential, but will need to share it with Ofsted, Social Services and the Police if requested.

Please see my 'Allegations of Abuse Policy' regarding how I protect myself and my family from allegations being made against us.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please discuss them with me.

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