

Satipanya Buddhist Trust

Child protection code of behaviour

If involved with children aged under 18 taking part in activities organised by or in association with the Satipanya Buddhist Trust.

Although we do take any under the age of 18, nor is anyone under the age of 18 allowed to volunteer for us or be a part of resident staff, even so we adopt this policy.

I will do my best to

- treat all children and young people with respect and kindness.
- be an example of the good conduct I wish to see in young people and others.
- respect a young person's right to personal privacy.
- encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like.
- remember that someone else might misinterpret my actions, no matter how well-intentioned
- be aware that physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted.
- act in accordance with the Satipanya Buddhist Trust Child protection policy.
- give guidance and support to less experienced helpers, colleagues and volunteers.
- challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspicious of abuse to the Satipanya Buddhist Trust's Safeguarding officer, [name].
- **ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one adult present during activities with children or at least that we are within sight or hearing of others.** This is for my own protection as well as for the protection of children and young people in our care.

I will not

- allow someone who is likely to pose a risk to children to have contact with children (ie a known sex offender or someone who has disclosed sexual interest in children).
- have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children or young people.
- allow myself to be drawn into inappropriate, attention-seeking behaviour.
- make suggestive or derogatory remarks or gestures in front of children or young people.
- jump to conclusions without checking facts.
- exaggerate or trivialise matters related to child abuse.
- show favouritism to any child.
- rely on my good name or that of the Satipanya Buddhist Trust to protect me.
- believe "things like this could never happen here."

I have read the guidance above, and the accompanying Satipanya Buddhist Trust Child protection policy, and agree to abide by them.

Name **Bhante Bodhidhamma**

Signature

Date

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Satipanya Buddhist Trust Child protection policy.

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