

# Just Stop Oil Safeguarding Policy

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# Accessing The Policy

The [JSO Safeguarding Policy](#) is in place to ensure everyone in the community is kept safe.

# Raising A Concern

Please get in touch with the Safeguarding Link of your choice, who will talk to you and if needed will begin a referral. Here is some information on each link to help you decide: [About us](#)

North: Jules (she/her)

Midlands & North Wales: Slightly Nuclear (he/him)

East of E: Tardigrade (she/her)

South East: Mother of Cats (she/her) - **Duty Link**

South West & South Wales: seeking

London: Spartacus (he/him)

Youth Demand: Axol (he/him) or Octopus (she/her)

**If your link is not available (their Signal chat header will say this) please contact the Duty Link or any other member of the team you feel comfortable speaking too.**

# Aims of the Just Stop Oil Safeguarding Policy

- 1) To provide a brief guide to Safeguarding in general
- 2) To provide a process for dealing with safeguarding concerns during an action phase
- 3) To provide a sign-post to the place to log Safeguarding concerns and incidents

# What Is Safeguarding?

Everyone has the right to live safely free from harm and abuse. Safeguarding refers to the practice of keeping people safe from preventable harm, especially vulnerable people. Safeguarding concerns the protection of children (people under 18 years), people with disabilities, older people and anyone else at risk of harm. Safeguarding is a combination of systemic practice and case-by-case work, organisations have a duty to safeguard, as do individuals. Keeping different people safe looks different, and often depends on various competing factors as well as personal circumstances.

Generally speaking, the types of harm we are trying to guard against include: abuse, severe mental distress, physical harm, crime and exploitation. Generally speaking, we try to protect people from harm by doing the following sorts of things: sharing information, signposting, being observant, keeping records, challenging harmful behaviours, creating a culture of safety, and receiving training.

# Raising Safeguarding Concerns

If you have a Safeguarding concern for someone please raise this with your Regional Safeguarding Link, a Queen, Queen Mother or a Regional Mobilisation Coord as soon as possible. Always raise a concern if you have one, it's better to be safe than sorry. The person you have disclosed your concern to will record it and advise you on what to do next. If you feel that the Safeguarding Link may be compromised, e.g. know the person, please contact a different Safeguarding Link.

# Dealing With Safeguarding Concerns

It is the responsibility of Queens to lead on Safeguarding for their region during action, with support from Community Coords, Queen Mothers and the designated Safeguarding Link.

It is the responsibility of Regional Community Coords to lead on Safeguarding within their region with support from Community Volunteers and the designated Safeguarding Link. What this means is:

- Be ready to receive disclosures of Safeguarding concerns from others.
- Be able to assess risk and spot Safeguarding concerns themselves.
- Know who the designated Safeguarding Lead is for your region.
- Work as a team to decide if the identified Safeguarding concerns are within the scope of Just Stop Oil or not.
- Complete a Referral Form and review and maintain it until the referral is closed.
- This might include attending meetings, and/or designing and actioning appropriate responses to the Safeguarding concerns.
- Handle concerns and personal details with care, but be ready to share information if it enables the proper safeguarding of someone.

Unsure that your concern is safeguarding? Ask your regional Safeguarding link or contact one of the link people above.