



**Jiu Jitsu Republic**

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY  
(Adult)**

**October 2023**





### **Mission Statement/Introduction:**

Jiu Jitsu Republic, our BJJ club is based in Oxford, UK. At Jiu Jitsu Republic, we are not just a martial arts establishment; we are a community of individuals who share a passion for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Our mission is to foster a safe and inclusive environment where people of all backgrounds, ages, abilities, and levels of experience can come together to learn, grow, and excel in the art of BJJ. We are committed to providing top-quality training, promoting respect, discipline, and camaraderie, and instilling values that extend beyond the mats. Our vision is to empower our members with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to overcome challenges, both on and off the training floor.

### **Policy Statement:**

At Jiu Jitsu Republic, we firmly believe that every individual has the right to live free from abuse or neglect, without regard to age, ability or disability, sex, race, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, marital or gender status. Our commitment to safeguarding extends beyond the techniques and principles of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, as it encompasses the protection and well-being of all our members. We are dedicated to upholding a safeguarding culture that prioritizes the safety and dignity of every person within our community.

### **Scope:**

This safeguarding policy applies to all members, participants, coaches, staff, and visitors associated with Jiu Jitsu Republic.

### **Purpose:**

This policy aims to cover:

- The relevant legislation, our commitment, and procedures for safeguarding adults.
- Our role and responsibility for safeguarding adults within Jiu Jitsu Republic.
- Guidance on what to do and whom to contact in case of concerns regarding the welfare or well-being of an adult within our organization.

### **Implementation:**

We are committed to implementing this policy through the following measures:

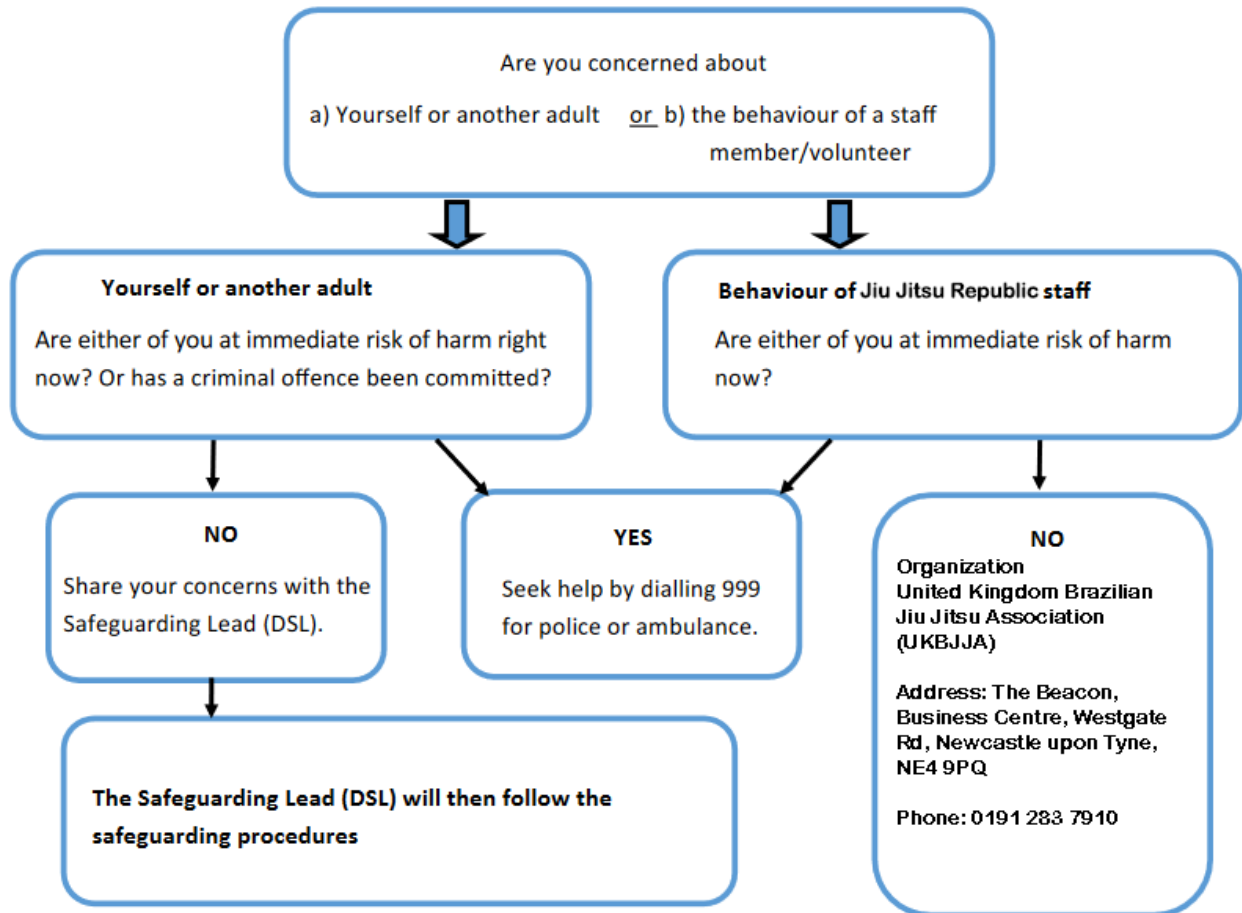
- Adhering to safe recruitment practices for our staff and coaches.
- Appointing a designated safeguarding lead to oversee safeguarding matters.
- Communicating this policy to all members and ensuring its understanding.
- Enforcing a code of conduct that promotes respectful and safe interactions during training sessions.
- Providing safeguarding adults training for our team.
- Integrating adult safety considerations into our risk assessments.

### **Legislation - What is Adult Safeguarding:**

Key legislation relevant to adult safeguarding in our home nation can be found on the Ann Craft Trust website, specifically in the "Safeguarding Adults at Risk Key Legislation and Government Initiatives" section.



## Procedures:



## Key Contact Details:

For reporting concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead:

- Name: Cathrin Poppensieker
- Email: [welfare-officer@oxfordbjj.com](mailto:welfare-officer@oxfordbjj.com)
- Telephone: 07522 067403

## Raising and Managing a Concern:

To share safeguarding concerns with us, you can do so in person, via email, or by phone. We have a structured process for handling these concerns to ensure they are addressed appropriately and promptly.

## Whistleblowing:

We have a process in place for individuals to raise safeguarding concerns regarding Jiu Jitsu Republic. Your concerns will be treated seriously and confidentially.



## **Recording and Information Sharing:**

We are committed to storing and retaining information in compliance with GDPR and data protection regulations. Information sharing is done with strict adherence to these regulations to ensure the privacy and safety of all individuals involved.

## **Sources of Information and Support:**

### **Active Partnership: Action on Elder Abuse**

- A national organisation based in London.
- Aims to prevent the abuse of older people by raising awareness, encouraging education, promoting research, and collecting and disseminating information.
- Tel: 020 8765 7000
- Email: [enquiries@elderabuse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@elderabuse.org.uk)
- Website: [www.elderabuse.org.uk](http://www.elderabuse.org.uk)

### **Ann Craft Trust (ACT)**

- A national organisation providing information and advice about adult safeguarding.
- ACT has a specialist Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity team to support the sector.
- Tel: 0115 951 5400
- Email: [Ann-Craft-Trust@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Ann-Craft-Trust@nottingham.ac.uk)
- Website: [www.anncrafttrust.org](http://www.anncrafttrust.org)

### **Men's Advice Line**

- For male domestic abuse survivors.
- Tel: 0808 801 0327

### **National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline**

- Tel: 0800 999 5428

### **National 24-Hour Freephone Domestic Abuse Helplines**

- **Respond**
  - Provides a range of services to victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse who have learning disabilities, and training and support to those working with them.
  - Tel: 020 7383 0700 or 0808 808 0700 (Helpline)
  - Email: [services@respond.org.uk](mailto:services@respond.org.uk)
  - Website: [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/Contact-us](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/Contact-us)
- **England Northern Ireland**



- Tel: 0808 2000 247
- **Scotland Wales**
  - Tel: 0800 027 1234
  - Email: [helpline@sdafmh.org.uk](mailto:helpline@sdafmh.org.uk)
  - Web chat: [sdafmh.org.uk](http://sdafmh.org.uk)

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- Tel: 0808 8010 800
- Type Talk: 18001 0808 801 0800
- Text: 078600 77 333
- Website: [www.respond.org.uk](http://www.respond.org.uk)

### **Stop Hate Crime**

- Works to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual's identity.
- Stop Hate UK provides independent, confidential, and accessible reporting and support for victims, witnesses, and third parties.
- Telephone: 0800 138 1625
- Web Chat: [www.stophateuk.org/talk-to-us/](http://www.stophateuk.org/talk-to-us/)

### **Susy Lamplugh Trust**

- The Trust is a leading authority on personal safety.
- Its role is to minimize the damage caused to individuals and society by aggression in all its forms – physical, verbal, and psychological.
- Tel: 020 83921839
- Fax: 020 8392 1830
- Email: [info@suzylamplugh.org](mailto:info@suzylamplugh.org)
- Website: [www.suzylamplugh.org](http://www.suzylamplugh.org)

### **Victim Support**

- Provides practical advice and help, emotional support, and reassurance to those who have suffered the effects of a crime.
- Tel: 0808 168 9111
- Website: [www.victimsupport.com](http://www.victimsupport.com)

### **Women's Aid Federation of England and Wales**

- Women's Aid is a national domestic violence charity.
- It also runs a domestic violence online help service.
- Website: [www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support](http://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support)