

Child Welfare and Safeguarding Courses

Swim England run several courses aimed at educating volunteers about the importance of safeguarding children and young people in swimming.

Safeguarding training

All club personnel who are required to undertake a Barred List Check and/or Enhanced DBS check for their role must complete approved safeguarding training within a reasonable time of taking up the position. Safeguarding training workshops are usually three hours long and can be delivered in person or online. There are two main options:

1. **Basic Awareness Course** – Designed for staff and volunteers who have infrequent contact with children and young people. Read more [here](#).
2. **Safeguarding Training** – A more in depth course recommended for people who have regular responsibility for children and young people such as coaches and team managers. Swim England deliver a Swim England Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop which supports the recommendations made by the Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU). Read more [here](#).

Swim England/NSPCC Time to Listen Course (TTL)

This course is run in partnership with the Child Protection in Sport Unit. It has a 3.5 hour course delivered virtually and designed for volunteers who wish to become Club Welfare Officers.

Candidates must have completed a recognised safeguarding children course in the last three years before attending (see above for details). It takes a detailed look at [Wavepower](#) (our child safeguarding policies and procedures publication) and covers topics such as incident reporting and how to implement best practice in a club environment.

Volunteers only need to do the course once. Time to Listen courses are run by the Swim England regions. For more information and to find a regional course, click [here](#).

Further Support

Welfare Officer workshop

This workshop is designed to further support experienced or new Club Welfare Officers in dealing with club issues surrounding the welfare of children in given situations. The workshop will build on knowledge already gained through attendance on both the Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Time to Listen workshops.

The workshop will include interactive breakout rooms and the chance to share good practice and ask questions.