



Safeguarding scenarios for instructor course safeguarding workshop

Before your instructor course, please consider each scenario below, record your thoughts and take this exercise to your instructor course. During the course you will have a chance to discuss these with your Coach or Trainer and gain further advice if needed. It's up to you whether you complete this document by hand or on a computer. If are unable to print it, you can make notes on your mobile device and take it to the workshop. The important thing is that you record your thoughts and take them to the workshop.

1 An injury is sustained by a child in your care and you are accused of physically abusing them. Could this accusation be true?

2 You take a group of young sailors away to residential centre for the weekend where the staff and sailors will be sharing dormitories – the male instructor will share with the boys, and the female instructor will share with the girls.

One of the boys becomes distressed when he realises what the sleeping arrangements are and says he wants to go home. He later tells you that when he was at boarding school two years ago he was sexually abused by a member of staff. How would you deal with this?

3 Abby and Uma

Think back to the scenario in the course about Abby and Uma where Abby noticed that Uma was in pain. Eventually Uma reluctantly explained that she hurt her arm while horse riding but didn't want to tell her parents in case they stopped her riding.

Abby has now seen some linear bruising on Abby's back which looked like it might have been caused by a belt. Uma hasn't said anything, but Abby is already concerned following the earlier injury and thinks that Uma might be being abused. What should Abby do?

4 14 year old Alex has been in the racing squad for four years but is struggling to compete with his peers. He is upset about his performance and says he wants to give up but his parents won't let him. He says he is struggling to keep up with his school work and is never allowed to see his school friends socially because he spends every weekend sailing. He's thinking of running away.

You've seen for yourself that his parents are very pushy and verbally aggressive towards him. Now Alex has spoken to you, what should you do?

5 Think back to the scenario in the course about having to decide how to accommodate sailors and staff among a limited number of tents. You saw how tricky that can be and how important it is to consider these arrangements beforehand so you are not put in an awkward situation.

Your organisation's own operating procedures should help you manage this situation. However, what would happen if Finn (the adult instructor) had been called away on an emergency, leaving Paolo (the 17 year old coach) in charge of the children?

Don't forget to take these notes to your Instructor/Senior Instructor course.