

Policy for Safeguarding Children and Other Vulnerable Persons

POLICY

EWB-SWE has Zero Tolerance with regard to the abuse, including sexual abuse, of children and other vulnerable persons.

RULES

Children and other vulnerable persons in contact with EWB-SWE shall be safeguarded to the maximum possible extent from intentional and unintentional actions and lack of care that place them at risk of abuse, sexual exploitation, injury or other harm. Actions can include, but are not limited to:

- protecting children and other vulnerable persons from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's and other vulnerable persons' health and development
- ensuring that children and other vulnerable persons are provided safe and effective care
- taking action to enable children and other vulnerable persons to have the best outcomes under the available circumstances

The responsibility to safeguard children and other vulnerable persons falls upon all EWB-SWE staff and volunteers, and comprises all of EWB-SWE's activities. It also includes the use of images, interviews, video and other recorded materials, as well as other types of personal data. When EWBSWE works together with partners working with children or other vulnerable groups, EWB-SWE staff and volunteers always act in the best interests of the vulnerable and encourage partners to take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to them.

To participate in activities directed specifically to children or other vulnerable groups, staff and volunteers might be requested to present an extract from the criminal records in accordance with regulations of the Act (2013: 852) on control of persons who are to work with children. The register must not show any earlier crimes towards children.

Any abuse of children or other vulnerable persons that is, or is suspected to be, against current legislation of the country of concern shall be reported to the police. Any abuse of children or other vulnerable persons, illegal or not, committed or suspected within any EWB-SWE activity must be reported immediately to the Secretary General or to the Board for further action. All reports are forwarded directly to the board.