



Child Protection

It is a requirement of membership of British Wadokai that those who run clubs and instruct do so in a responsible manner and are able to demonstrate that they have taken all reasonable steps to do so. Each club should ensure that each club instructor is fully qualified to do so and holds:-

1. Valid instructors insurance.
2. Valid First Aid certificate.
3. A Karate specific CRB disclosure.
4. Child Protection Awareness Course Certificate (or equivalent).
5. Suitable Coaching/Instructor Qualification.

It is very easy to overlook renewal of things like First Aid as they last for 3 years so please check. It is recommended that copies of all valid documents are readily available [say in the club register folder if old fashioned, or on a tablet if more modern]. This could also be useful for demonstrating to prospective members how seriously the club takes its responsibilities.

To allow British Wadokai to demonstrate its commitment to these standards it is desirable that copies of these appropriate documents are available centrally. To this end I am setting up a central data base. For data security this data base will be stored on a flash drive which will be held independently from the computer. To assist creation of the data base I would appreciate scanned images be emailed to me at horsham.dkw.karate@talktalk.net To assist filing please indicate club.

Whilst other club members, without the full certification, can assist instructors, while being supervised, it is essential that all registered Assistant Instructors are also qualified to the above standards as it allows them to cover in an emergency and shows the club takes its obligations seriously. As students progress up the Kyu grade ladder they should be encouraged to take qualifications as it enhances their training, is of benefit to the club and prepares them for the hoped for Dan grade and instructor stages.

It is believed that the CRB disclosure does not need renewing periodically AS LONG AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT CHANGE. If however the person is not in continuous service with the club a new disclosure must be sought before recommencement of instructing. Currently the CRB Disclosure must be specifically for Karate and disclosures for other organisations are not valid.

The CRB is often referred to as CHILD PROTECTION but in fact is safeguarding any VULNERABLE person. Karate is a contact sport and special care must be taken to ensure that any action cannot be misinterpreted. DO NOT place yourself in a position which could be viewed as suspicious, such as being alone with a child. Sadly these days even simple things such as comforting a child who has hurt themselves or rendering first aid can be viewed suspiciously, so if you do have to assist, make sure others are present, that they know what you are doing and preferably are also helping. ANY Suspicious circumstances MUST be reported IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

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British Wadokai Chairman.