



## **Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy - A Guide for Parents, Guardians and Carers**

Crawley Camera Club ('The Club') operates a Child and Vulnerable Adult ('CVA') Protection Policy. The document is available to view on our website and can be supplied in hard copy by request.

### **Definitions:**

Child - person under 18 years old.

Vulnerable Adult - person over 18 years old, who is in need of community services due to illness or mental / physical disability.

The Club undertakes to make reasonable efforts to protect CVAs from any form of abuse or discrimination.

Whilst the Club has a duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure the general welfare and protection of CVAs, the Club does not undertake the all-encompassing responsibilities of parents, guardians or carers. Specific arrangements can be discussed and potentially implemented where appropriate.

You are encouraged to attend Club meetings with your CVA, at least during the early stages of membership, to ensure that you are happy with the club environment.

CVAs are treated as any other club member and are encouraged to feel part of The Club community. Should you wish for a CVA to be positively supervised at the Club or a photographic location, please discuss this with the Membership Secretary or another Member of the Committee.

Should your CVA have any special medical or physical needs, you are required to advise the Club in writing.

It is a Club requirement that CVAs are accompanied by a parent or guardian wherever possible when participating in photographic field trips, as safety cannot be assured by Club members.

We maintain a list of members that includes addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. We ask that you provide your own telephone numbers and email addresses for communication purposes as well as those of your CVA.

You should be aware that images containing nudity and other adult content may be shown during Club evenings: these occasions cannot always be predicted. The Club does not sanction distasteful imagery of any kind, however it may show images acceptable in the world of art or photojournalism etc, that are likely to be of the nature seen in the public domain in art galleries or photographic exhibitions.

Should the Club or any member wish to use a photographic image of your CVA, the Club or Club member will require completion of a model release form stating the date, model's name and type of photography (or shoot), and which must be signed by you.

The Club membership form must be countersigned by the parent or guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age, or by the authorised carer of a vulnerable adult, thereby signifying acceptance of the conditions of membership.

Should you wish to discuss any issue, have any concerns or suggestions on how we may improve our policies then please contact any member of the Committee.

Please see also the document Crawley Camera Club Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy - Code of Behaviour for Members.

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