



WMHA Child Protection Policy

The Walden Minor Hockey Association is committed to providing children and youth with a quality hockey experience, in the absence of harm from others. To ensure the safety of our young players, volunteers must:

1. Present a recent negative Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check;
2. Complete the Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders program;
3. Adhere to this policy and to the additional policies listed at the end of this document.

Duty to Report

All volunteers with the WMHA must familiarize themselves with their duty to help protect children and youth, and with their responsibility to report abuse and neglect of young persons. Section 125 of the Ontario Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 (CYFSA) states that anyone with reasonable grounds to suspect that a child (under 16 years) is, or may be in need of protection, must promptly report these suspicions to a children's aid society. A report may also be made in the case of a child aged 16 or 17, although not mandated by law. A child is in need of protection has experienced or is at risk of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, and harm. "Reasonable grounds" refers to what the average person, using normal and honest judgment, would need to know in order to decide to report. Information to provide reasonable grounds may include information or suspicion of neglect, abuse, exploitation, failure or inability of an adult to provide adequate protection, supervision, medical treatment and/or services, resulting in harm or suffering.

More information on the Duty to Report is available [here](#).

To report suspected child abuse, contact the Children's Aid Society of the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin: Toll Free: 1-877-272-4334, Phone Number: (705) 566-3113

If the allegation is against a volunteer or member of the WMHA, the president of the association should be notified immediately.



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Additional Policies

WMHA Complaint Policy

[OHF Dressing Room Policy](#)

[OHF Policy on Dressing Room Supervision](#)

[NOHA Constitution: Definitions; Receiving a Complaint; Complaint Administration; Investigation; Investigation Decisions; Discipline; Sanctions; Appeals and Amendments](#)