

Transporting Children to Cricket Activities

This guidance can be used when children are involved in any cricketing activity (including playing in open age cricket and officiating) as well as when safeguarding adults.

The issue of transporting children to and from cricket activities can present challenges for cricket clubs. Full responsibility is placed on parents/carers for ensuring appropriate travel arrangements are made.

The ECB's position is that coaches, staff and volunteers do **NOT** transport children to and from cricket activities. We appreciate that often coaches, staff or volunteers may also be parents of children taking part in cricket activities.

We suggest a common-sense approach in these circumstances, which should be agreed with the Club Safeguarding Officer and reflect best practice and **"The Rule of Two"**.

Every cricket club must have a policy on transporting children to and from cricketing activities. All clubs must ensure they write to parents/carers stating that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child is safely transported to and from all cricketing activities.

Emergency Situations

In an emergency, the child's safety is paramount.

If a child needs to be taken to hospital without delay, then the **"Rule of Two"** must be adhered to. The parents are to be called immediately and they should remain on call during the car journey to seek medical assistance. They should meet you at the destination and take over the responsibility for their child.

Best Practice

Clubs should:

- ✓ At the start of the season share details relating to any planned away fixtures, competitions, events, festivals, overnight trips etc. This will provide parents/carers with an opportunity to make appropriate arrangements in advance
- ✓ Always receive permission from parents/carers when a child is participating in any of the above cricket activities that involve travel
- ✓ Establish with parents/carers a transport policy, which specifically addresses matters such as late collection of children. Developing this policy at the start of season will provide an opportunity to establish both club and parent/carer expectations and will provide club officials with guidance should an incident arise during the season.



Coaches, Staff and Volunteers are:

- ✔ Responsible for children in their care whilst they are taking part in any cricket activity
- ✔ Not responsible for arranging transportation, or transporting any child, to and from cricketing activities.

Children should:

- ✘ Be made aware of where to find safeguarding information aimed at them (i.e. the [Children and Young People](#) page of the ECB website).
- ✘ Feel safe when travelling to cricket activities
- ✘ Be aware of how to report any concerns they may have.

Relevant Links

[Club Transport Policy Template](#)

