L K Dancing Safeguarding Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding adults at risk of harm. We aim to create a safe environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, and representatives of L K Dancing.

3. Definitions

- Adult at Risk: A person aged 18 or over who may be unable to protect themselves from harm due to care needs, disability, or other vulnerabilities.
- Abuse: Includes physical, emotional, sexual, financial, neglect, or discriminatory harm.

4. Principles

- **Empowerment**: Supporting individuals to make their own decisions.
- Prevention: Taking action before harm occurs.
- Proportionality: Responding appropriately to the level of risk.
- Protection: Safeguarding those in greatest need.
- Partnership: Working with other organisations to protect adults.
- Accountability: Ensuring transparency in safeguarding practices.

5. Responsibilities

- Staff and Volunteers: Must report concerns or suspicions of abuse immediately.
- Safeguarding Lead: Lissia Giles Dance Teacher/Owner is responsible for overseeing safeguarding practices and responding to concerns.

6. Reporting Concerns

- If you suspect abuse, report it to the Safeguarding Lead: Lissia Giles 07763 780820.
- In emergencies, contact the police or local safeguarding authority.