

SOUTH DEVON TENNIS CENTRE

USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES POLICY

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South Devon Tennis Centre strives to ensure that all children (anyone under 18) are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

This policy applies to all staff, coaches, volunteers, players, parents/carers and any other individuals using or associated with South Devon Tennis Centre.

This document sets out South Devon Tennis Centre's policy for the acceptable use of the showering, toilet and changing room area.

THE FACILITY

South Devon Tennis Centre has 3 showering changing and toilet areas within the centre. One for men, one for women and one suitable for wheelchair users, with a baby changing facility, and available for anyone who does not want to use the same sex provision. This means that there is always a separate individual, lockable shower and changing provision for any individuals, vulnerable adults or children.

ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

When in the Tennis Centre with their children; parents, carers and guardians, have a responsibility to ensure that their children are appropriately supervised while they are using the toilet, showering and changing room area.

It is parents, carers or guardians' responsibility to judge whether it is safe and appropriate to allow their unaccompanied child to use this part of the facility unaccompanied.

This judgement should be based on: their child's general developmental maturity their child's awareness of the potential risks the level of supervision and care provided within the facility

Parents may wrongly assume that staff and coaches will take responsibility for their children within changing rooms during coaching sessions, this is not the case and appropriate signage informs them of their need to be responsible for their children at all times.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

During Holiday Camps, Groups of children will have sole use of changing rooms. This will be made possible by the coaches and leaders, who will ensure that the provision is free from other centre users, and if this is not possible, the children will use the alternative disabled toilet. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.

All groups of children are supervised to and from the toilet and changing area during Holiday Camps by a DBS checked member of staff who will wait outside the changing rooms to allow children to call for assistance if required.

THIRD PARTY HIRERS

Third-party hirers and organisations hiring the South Devon Tennis Centre, will be made aware:

- That any children on vulnerable young person taking part in their activity is under their supervision
- Of key safeguarding contacts at the facility, should an issue arise
- The changing room layouts
- That members of the public have access to the changing facilities and toilets at the same time as the children
- Other activities taking place that could impact on their use of changing facilities and toilets
- And asked to make the manager aware if there is any particular changing needs of any of the children and young people under their supervision; this may include gender, medical conditions, or disabilities, which could mean special equipment (such as hoists or changing mats) being required

STAFF

Under no circumstances will adult staff, coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.

If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.

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