



## Tyneside 114 Sub-Aqua Club

### Advice to Parents, Guardians and Responsible Adults

1. Tyneside 114 is a branch of the British Sub Aqua Club (BSAC). The branch has existed for over 50 years. We maintain the highest standards for diving safety and training, as recommended by the BSAC. We have a mainly adult membership but welcome young people (from 6 years of age) and have Junior, Student, Snorkelling and Social membership categories to cater for them.
2. It is a condition of membership for young people that they will always have a parent, guardian or other responsible adult present when they are involved in branch activities. This means you will need to attend pool training sessions (as a spectator), theory lessons and to accompany the young person on diving trips.
3. All instructors, dive leaders and dive managers who work directly with young people in the branch have undergone a criminal record check.
4. The Branch Committee appoints a suitably experienced person to act as Branch Safeguarding Officer and to advise on all matters regarding the care of young people in the branch. You will be told who the Safeguarding Officer is and how to contact him/her. Do not hesitate to make contact if you have any welfare concerns regarding a young person.
5. Other key officials in the branch are the Diving Officer (overall responsibility for diving safety) and the Training Officer (organises the practical training and theory lessons).
6. All our committee members, instructors and dive leaders/managers are volunteers. They will treat you with respect and expect the same from you in return. Do not hesitate to speak to any branch officer, committee member, instructor or dive manager/leader if you have any questions or concerns.
7. If your young person is involved in an incident or accident you will be informed immediately. An important part of our training is learning how to avoid accidents, but also knowing how to deal with them should they occur. We have procedures for investigating and recording accidents, incidents and "near misses".
8. If you raise a concern or complaint with us, we will investigate it properly and inform you of the outcome.

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