OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU ECPAT INTERNATIONAL'S CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY

At ECPAT International

We are dedicated to protecting all children from different kinds of harm, including violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This Child Safeguarding Policy explains what we will do to ensure this - think of it as a set of rules and guidelines that everyone in an organisation agrees to follow. We commit to:

- Do everything we can to keep you safe
- Make sure everyone we work with know how to treat you well and protect you
- Always take actions in your best interests

What Is Safeguarding?

You are important to us and we want you to enjoy and be safe when you engage with us.

Just like wearing a seatbelt or a life jacket, safeguarding is an extra way to protect you. Safeguarding gives us rules about how we should behave, what we need to do to avoid harm and what we should do when these rules are broken.

Who Should Keep You Safe?

Everyone at ECPAT is responsible to keep you safe when you connect with us and we all must follow these rules all the time. This includes all ECPAT staff, volunteers, visitors, partners and any company we work with.

Some people are specifically in charge of making sure all these safeguarding rules are followed. These people are called Safeguarding Focal Points. You can always reach out to them directly or through safeguarding@ecpat.org





WHAT DO WE DO WHEN SAFEGUARDING POLICY HAS BEEN BROKEN?





Always Remember!

Keeping you safe is your right and our responsibility. With this policy, we want to create an environment where your rights and well-being are respected and protected.

If you or a friend, ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable, always reach out to a trusted adult or contact ECPAT's Safeguarding Focal Point directly or at <u>safeguarding@ecpat.org</u>.



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY HARM AGAINST CHILDREN?

There are different ways in which a child (under 18) can be harmed. This policy is about avoiding abuse and exploitation, meaning treating children in a way that hurts them.

STOP!

Physical abuse is when someone hurts a child's body like hitting, kicking, smacking, etc.

Neglect is when adults do not properly support the child's needs such as eating, being dressed, being supervised appropriately which can result in the child being hurt or suffering.

Emotional abuse is when someone hurts a child by saying mean things like yelling, insulting, making nasty comments, calling them names.

Sexual exploitation is when a child is used sexually by an adult (or another child) in promise of something, like money, gift, good grades, the right to continue being part of certain activities, or threatening to remove advantages from the child or the family.

Sexual abuse is about involving a child in a sexual activity like touching or looking at and showing private body parts (the body parts that are usually covered by your underwear) It can happen an adult or another child touches a child's private parts or tells a child to touch or look at theirs. It's sexual abuse if an adult tries to have a child look at or pose for sex pictures or videos or forces a child into having sex with them.

Often the ones who do this (we call them offenders) ask the child to keep it a secret or can threaten the child if they tell anyone. It could be they threaten that parents will not receive services anymore if the child does not engage in a sexual activity or they tell someone, or they threaten to share inappropriate images to the child's friends and family. These secrets are not good to keep and in ECPAT, we will always listen to you in a respectful way. Tell an adult you trust or contact ECPAT Safeguarding Focal Point or safeguarding@ecpat.org if any of these kinds of abuse happens to you or to someone you know.