GUARD THE GAME

Keeping Soccer Safe For Everyone



U.S. Soccer Safeguarding

What every referee, coach, parent, player and fan should know.

What does safeguarding mean?

It means preventing, reporting, and responding to harm or abuse involving children and adults in soccer. It's about creating an environment where everyone can learn, compete, and grow safely — and it's everyone's responsibility.

U.S. Soccer is yours.

Like any muscle used on the pitch, safeguarding grows stronger through repetition, awareness, and practice. Guard the game. Guard your game.

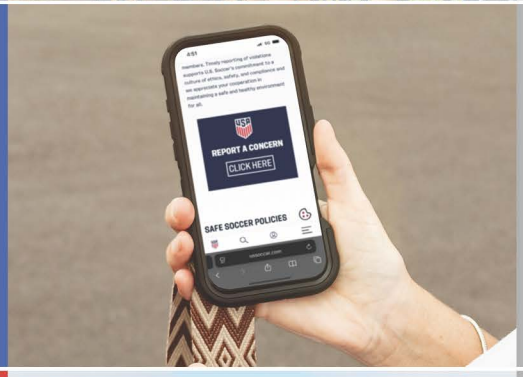
3 Things Every Person in Soccer Should Know



PREVENT

Can you identify harmful behavior? Do you know the rules and guidelines that keep you and others safe?

Learn the warning signs. Follow the rules. Help create a culture where harm has no place to take hold.



REPORT

When you witness harmful behavior — or someone tells you about it — do you know where and how to report?

If something feels wrong, say something. Reporting protects all participants of the game and stops harm from continuing.



RESPOND

Do you know how to effectively support someone who has been harmed?

Listen, believe, and connect them to help resources. The right response can change a person's life.

Why it matters

Players thrive when they feel safe. A safe and supportive environment protects the physical, emotional, and psychological wellbeing of every participant — and it protects the integrity of the game itself. Players, coaches, referees, families, and fans all share that responsibility.

REPORT A CONCERN

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833.587.7233

U.S. Soccer
ussoccer-reporting.caseiq.app/portal
312.528.7004

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ussoccer.com/safeguarding
Training, guidance, and tools for everyone in the soccer community.

To report a concern anonymously, text 312-820-USSF (8773)