

## **Safeguarding in Changing Rooms: Use of Mobile devices**

Buckingham Swans Swim Club runs under Swim England. We follow their policies and procedures to ensure a safe and enjoyable swim club for all.

As members you should have received the latest email newsletter but I would like to highlight an important change to safeguarding policy.

Changes to safeguarding policies; Swim England safeguarding policy and procedures document has been updated.

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-updated-version/>

***“Our changing room policy now prohibits all use of a mobile phone or device in a changing area during Swim England regulated activity.”***

- Taking photos or videos
- Texting
- Making phone calls
- Browsing the internet

We've introduced this is to **make sure people feel comfortable** when getting changed and to avoid accidental audio and visual footage being captured.

No phone or device is to be used poolside or in the changing area. Please ensure you follow these rules to protect yourself and others.

### **2. Safeguarding in changing rooms**

The previous version of Wavepower detailed a changing room policy which prohibited taking photographs with a camera or mobile device in changing areas. Swim England's position now is that all use of a mobile phone or device in a changing area is prohibited during Swim England regulated activity, and must be recorded and referred to Swim England if there is a concern that an image or video has potentially been captured. Use of a mobile phone or device where it is clear an image or video hasn't been taken (e.g. someone is witnessed talking on the phone) should be handled under your Organisation's code of conduct and behaviour protocols. Organisations should work with venues to clearly signpost this policy.

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Having checked with the National Safeguarding Officer for Swim England an exception to this is for DBS coaches to use a device for the register and to have emergency contact details to hand if needed.

**If you have any questions or concerns about these changes or other welfare concerns please contact our BSSC Welfare Officer:  
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