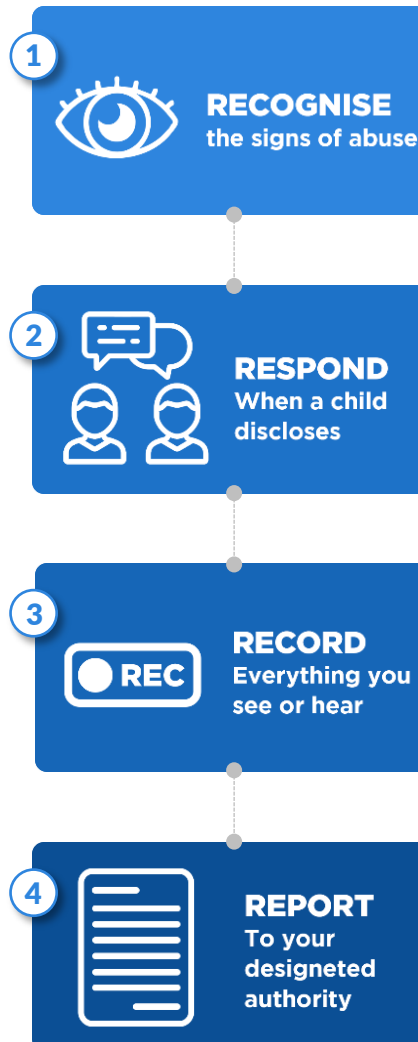


CHILD SAFETY

Safeguarding is about creating happy, fun, inclusive and welcoming environments in which children can participate in athletics and develop, flourish and grow both as athletes and individuals.

Adults interacting with children in sport are in a position of trust and influence. They should ensure that everyone is treated with integrity and respect and that the self-esteem of the person is enhanced.

It is essential for everyone to understand that Safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility, not just one individual within an organisation. If you see or hear something which concerns you, report it. Do not keep it to yourself. Do not think that it does not matter or that someone else will deal with it.



**THINK “What if I’m right?”.....
NOT “What if I’m wrong?”**

Athletics NZ has resources to help you in each of the 4 R's of safeguarding children in sport. You can also find online tutorials at [World Athletics Kids Athletics | World Athletics](#) or [Sport NZ Child protection | Sport New Zealand - Ihi Aotearoa \(sportnz.org.nz\)](#). Please take some time to familiarise yourself with these resources and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Keep yourself safe. Know what is expected of you and follow the Safe Sport for Children guidelines which will be sent to you on completion of the registration process.

For more information contact Athletics NZ Child Protection Officer: Kirsten Kilmister safeguarding@athletics.org.nz