

A Child Protection Officer (CPO), also known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead, is responsible for promoting the welfare of children and ensuring they are protected from harm, abuse, and neglect.

In the UK, having a nominated safeguarding lead is a legal requirement for any organisation working with children. The laws mandate clear accountability and procedures to safeguard children's rights and well-being, making the CPO role essential for legal compliance and the ethical duty of care.

## Module 1: Roles and Responsibilities

While every adult shares a moral and legal responsibility to protect children from harm, abuse, and inappropriate behaviour, the Child Protection Officer plays a formal role in ensuring this duty is upheld across an organisation.

- The Scope and duties of the role
- The Law that governs
- Skills required in the role

# Module 2: Training Standards and Awareness

This module examines the role of Child Protection Officers in promoting a culture of safeguarding through various strategies and campaigns.

- The importance of creating awareness
- The use of a child safety bulletin board
- Maintaining standards
- Areas and systems to be reviewed

#### Module 3: Recruitment

This module emphasises the crucial importance of safe recruitment practices in child protection, examining the steps required to identify and select individuals who are suitable to work with children.

- Advertising
- High-risk systems
- Safety considerations for emergency showers, baths and spas
- Emergency actions

#### Suitable for:

Designated employees or managers who are the nominated Child Protection Officer.

### Skills achieved:

- Child Protection Officer (Basic)
- Professional Ability (Basic)

### **Related Resources:**

- Accident Management System Assessment
- Inflatable Play Equipment Setup Assessment
- Outdoor Play Area Assessment
- Peddle Vehicle Assessment
- Soft Play Risk Assessment
- Assault Course Audit
- Drop Slide Audit
- Inflatable Play Equipment Audit
- Outdoor Play Area Daily Audit
- Peddle Vehicle Audit
- Soft Play Daily Audit
- Lost Child Incident

### **Benefits:**

The Delegate will receive a Total Quality Assured (TQA) certificate of achievement upon successful completion.

### **Estimated Time:**

30 Minutes

### **Related Courses:**

- Safeguarding Children
- TACT
- Working with Children
- Accidents and Reporting
- Essentials of Hygiene
- Personal Hygiene
- Risk Management

