



## **TRANSPORTING CHILDREN OR YOUNG PERSONS IN A PRIVATE CAR OR HIRED TRANSPORT**

Best practice is to avoid transporting a child alone. It is recognised that there some circumstances were this is unavoidable to enable a child or young person to train or compete. If there are no alternatives the following safety measures should be put into place:

- The driver should be a member who has undergone a DBS vetting check.
- Parents should be informed of who is transporting the child along with the reasons and how long the journey will take.
- A person other than the driver should talk to the child about the transport arrangements to see if they are comfortable about the plans.
- The driver must ensure they have correct insurance cover particularly if they are in a paid position or are claiming expenses.
- The driver should attempt to have more than one child in the car.
- When transporting children after a match or training session coaches/volunteers should rotate which child is to be dropped off last. Consideration could be given to dropping the last two off at one point such as one of their family homes.
- The driver should have a point of contact and mobile phone should he break down.
- Ensure that the child knows how and to whom he/she can report any concerns.
- When booking transport through a private company only licensed taxis/minibus firms should be used. When children are being transported they must be accompanied by a parent or an EB member who has undergone DBS vetting.

The issues are discussed in the NSPCC CPSU briefings (see NSPCC CPSU website).

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