

Halifax Canoe Club Policy Regarding Collection of Children and Young People

Parents/carers are expected to deliver and collect their child/children punctually to and from club sessions.

Late collection of children by parents/carers presents clubs and coaches with a potentially difficult situation. Our coaches are all volunteers and have a right not to be put in a vulnerable position when working with children. It is not a coach's responsibility to transport children home on behalf of parents/carers who have been delayed.

Your responsibility as a parent/carer:

1. Provide an alternative contact name or number as a back-up in case of emergency
2. Contact the relevant coach if you know you are going to be late

Our responsibility as a Club:

1. Staff and volunteers **will** contact the parent/carer and wait with the child/young person at the sport facility, with other staff/volunteers or parents present if at all possible
2. Staff and volunteers **will not:**
 - a. Take the child home or to any other location
 - b. Send the child home with another person without permission from a parent or carer
 - c. Ask the child to wait in a vehicle or sport facility with them alone.

Parents/carers who are persistently late in collecting their child may be asked to remain throughout the session.

Wording taken from Child Protection in Sport Unit www.nspcc.org.uk

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