



# **MVT**

## **Safeguarding Statement**

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**Context:** The Military Vehicle Trust is the World’s largest organisation of ex-military vehicle owners and enthusiasts and is dedicated to “keeping our mechanical veterans alive”. We have been a Registered Charity since 1987 and our Charitable Purposes are set down in a document called our “Memorandum of Association”.

*The Trust is established for the purpose of restoring and preserving military vehicles of historical interest and the preservation of books, drawings, records, documents, sound and visual recordings, films, photographs and other media and ephemera relating to such vehicles, their history and development, and promoting and encouraging the same aim in others.*

Our Core Values are summarised in our three aims:

*Conserve and Restore, Educate and Inspire and Honour and Respect*

**We take our responsibility seriously to keep people safe, and continually strive to embed good practice across the organisation and beyond.**

We understand safeguarding to be about ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone with whom we come into contact as part of our organisation’s activities. This obligation naturally extends to our own trustees, officers, members and volunteers, as well as those in our partner organisations and other persons associated with the Trust.

Our approach to safeguarding involves promoting a culture of safety for all and practising this in every aspect of our organisation’s daily activities. It also involves taking action for and on behalf of children and vulnerable adults who are suffering, or are at risk of suffering, significant harm as a result of abuse, exploitation or neglect. The Trust has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, harassment violence, exploitation and abuse, and we have made the following commitments to keep people safe:

- Our trustees and officers will maintain the highest standards of conduct and practice. Our trustees and officers are carefully selected to ensure that they are suitable to carry out their roles. The standards that they are expected to uphold are set out in our organisational policies, reinforced through regular training, and endorsed by a positive culture that openly discusses and promotes good safeguarding practice.
- We support our partners and others to build and endorse good practice. Partnership and collaboration are fundamental to our purpose, and so we often involve other organisations, groups and entities in the delivery of events. We seek to understand the policy, procedure and practice of our partners and to support them, when required, to build and strengthen good practice.
- We listen to all safeguarding concerns that are reported to us and take appropriate action. We have a clear procedure that can be used by anyone to report a concern. When a report is made, our response will be guided by this procedure. We establish actions that are appropriate to the nature of the case and aligned with the legal obligations and reporting mechanisms in the locality where the concern is raised. In our handling of reports, we respect confidentiality as far as possible, only involving individuals and entities on a “need to know” basis.

We proactively champion meaningful participation in safeguarding work. In line with our values, we ensure that trustees, officers, members, volunteers and partnership organisations are able to contribute to, and participate in, our safeguarding work. We do this by sharing information and providing opportunities to offer feedback and propose ideas through consultation. As part of our efforts to uphold our commitments, the Trust is building a comprehensive suite of policies, procedures, tools and resources to guide good safeguarding practice in all aspects of our activities. A number of key policies form a central component of these commitments. These include:

- Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy.
- Volunteer Policy.
- Equality & Diversity Policy.
- Whistleblowing Policy.
- Complaints Policy.

Our Safeguarding System continues to grow as we build on our work to-date. If you would like to learn more about safeguarding at the Military Vehicle Trust, please refer to Our Policies. Alternatively, you can contact your nearest Military Vehicle Trust Area directly.

### **Reporting a Safeguarding Concern**

If you wish to raise a concern, please refer to the Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy coming soon. Alternatively, you can contact us directly by emailing: [report@mvt.org.uk](mailto:report@mvt.org.uk) or by calling our telephone helpline, which is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Simply contact the General Secretary by calling 0333 321 8977. All reports will be treated confidentially.

### **Reporting Outside Office Hours**

If you need to speak to someone outside office hours, you should call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

If someone is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

### **Concerns About Radicalisation**

If you have a concern that someone is being drawn into or supporting terrorism, you should contact the General Secretary by calling 0333 321 8977 or by emailing [report@mvt.org.uk](mailto:report@mvt.org.uk).