



# Safeguarding

## Purpose

This policy establishes the Mott MacDonald framework for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults to:

- Protect them from harm
- Effectively manage cases when there are incidents of harm

## Commitment

The Group is committed to acting ethically and with integrity to safeguard colleagues and the people we work with, including vulnerable people. We do not tolerate any form of abuse or exploitation, including sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, or abuse of children.

We have put in place and enforce measures and controls that demonstrate our commitment to ensure that abuse and exploitation are not taking place in our projects and within our business. We are committed to complying with legal requirements in the countries we work in and undertake to refer concerns about potentially criminal behaviour to the relevant authorities and to our clients. We have a zero-tolerance approach to safeguarding misconduct and will always take action.

## Responsibility

The principles of good standards of behaviour and respect are embedded in the Group's values of Progress, Respect, Integrity, Drive and Excellence (PRIDE) and communicated via Our Code.

This policy and other Group policies form our overall framework for safeguarding staff and those affected by our operations outside our organisation.

The executive chair is responsible for the effective implementation and maintenance of this policy.

The Group safeguarding lead is responsible for implementing this policy, and for monitoring its use and effectiveness.

General managers are responsible for their teams meeting our safeguarding standards day-to-day and for monitoring compliance.

Territory managers are responsible for coordinating comprehensive safeguarding compliance throughout country and office settings.

Project principals are responsible for incorporating safeguarding standards in projects.

Our employees, contractors, suppliers and business partners are responsible for working in accordance with our safeguarding framework and reporting breaches and concerns.



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## Approach

We seek to safeguard staff and those we work with through our recruitment, selection and vetting processes, such as obtaining appropriate background checks, disclosure statements and references for new colleagues, business partners and our supply chain.

Staff, contractors, suppliers, business partners and any affected persons are encouraged to raise concerns without fear of reprisal, either through line managers or by using Speak Up, our confidential and independent reporting service.

We investigate all concerns raised related to safeguarding with independent teams that are committed to maintaining confidentiality of reports. We seek to take swift action to support and protect vulnerable people where concerns arise regarding possible abuse or exploitation.

We seek, through implementation of this policy, to continue to raise awareness, to prevent and learn from incidents, and to collaborate with clients and partners to ensure ethical and safe working environments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Harris'.

**James Harris**  
Executive chair