

Hotel LOUIS ALTHEA BEACH –
POLICY FOR CHILDREN PROTECTION

The hotel intends to protect children from any form of abuse, following the six steps of the CODE of conduct of EPCAT (End Child Prostitution, Pornography & Trafficking for sexual purposes) for the safety of children against sexual abuse in tourism. The Code (short for “The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism”) is an industry-driven responsible tourism initiative with a mission to provide awareness, tools and support to the tourism industry in order to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

The EPCAT is a global network dedicated to the protection of children, www.ecpat.net info@ecpat.net.

With this statement we would like to make it clear to everyone that the hotel implements procedures for understanding when the safety of a child is at risk and to manage such emergencies.

For this we undertake staff training, guest information, cooperation with governmental departments and other entities and we declare that there will be zero tolerance for any type of abuse especially in sexual harassment issues.

In case you suspect a sexual or any other abuse you report it immediately to the coordinator, who must report it to the local authorities.

The hotel management assigns the responsibilities for the implementation of the procedures, Mr. Nicos Kleftis / G. Manager.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

What is safeguarding children?

It is a fact that child abuse can happen anywhere, irrespective of the location and in spite of the law. Child abuse is an action by another person – adult or child – that causes harm to a child and it can be defined as:

- Physical abuse: hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating or any other action that causes physical harm to a child.

- Emotional abuse: continued mistreatment of a child that impacts on their development, including telling them they are worthless, causing them to feel frightened or stopping them from participating in normal social activities.
- Sexual abuse: forcing a child to take part in sexual activities such as pornography or prostitution, whether or not they are aware of what is happening.
- Neglect: persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical or psychological needs which is likely to impact on their development. Neglect ranges from a child being locked alone in a room for periods of time or being left without proper supervision, to restricting access to medical treatment, not responding to their emotional needs or ensuring their education needs are met. Children may also be at risk in other ways, including undertaking work that is meant for adults or without special conditions to protect them, as well as trafficking for the purposes of forced labour or sexual exploitation. Therefore safeguarding children is simply about protecting them from all types of abuse

Signed:

NICOS KLEFTIS

GENERAL MANAGER

LOUIS ALTHEA BEACH