

The Lanzarote Convention





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- 1. Protects the dignity and rights of ALL children
- 2. Legally binding in 48 States
- **3.** Integrated approach. Measures to end ALL forms of sexual violence :
 - Prevent violence
 - **Protect victims**
 - **End impunity**
 - Mobilise key stakeholders (participation)
 - 4. Platform to monitor, cooperate and ensure joint action

ABUSE HAPPENS IN SPORT TOO

In sport, children can be at risk because:



a high tolerance of physical violence and injuries



authoritarian leadership and unequal power relationships between coaches and athletes



scandal avoidance: incidents are silenced



male-dominated gender ratio



physical contact is often required



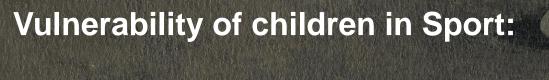
reward structures



inappropriate sexual behaviour is often tolerated, discrimination and gender inequality accepted



potential risk situations: changing rooms, showers, carpooling, overnight stays



- Some offenders seek access
- Some convicted offenders re-offend
- Some convicted offenders flee/rellocate

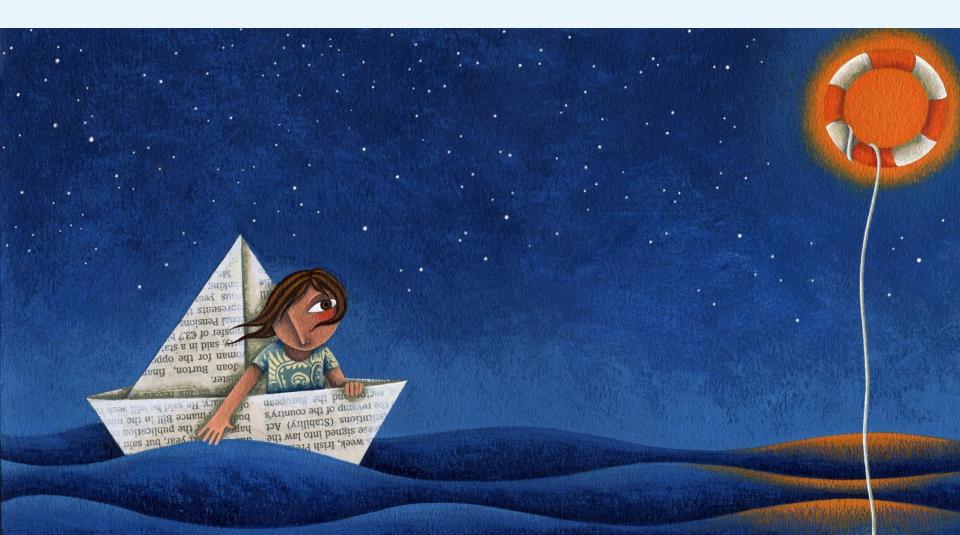
Screening people in contact with children helps to:

- Prevent abuse
- End impunity

Lanzarote Convention, Chapter II - Preventive measures

Article 5 §3 – Recruitment, training and awareness-raising of persons working in contact with children

3. Each Party shall take the necessary legislative or other measures, in conformity with its internal law, to ensure that the conditions to accede to those professions whose exercise implies regular contacts with children ensure that the candidates to these professions have not been convicted of acts of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of children.



The Lanzarote Committee findings



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- obligation to store and collect data on convicted offenders
- need to cooperation with the private sector
- impose corporate responsibility
- international cooperation





In a nutshell:

Sports organisations should include initial and regular screening of all people in contact with children.

This should be part of their child safeguarding policy.

States should support these efforts and hold organisations accountable.











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