



SAFE USE OF CHANGING FACILITIES POLICY



Leatherhead Tennis Club strives to ensure that all are safeguarded when using the Club's changing facilities.

This document sets out Leatherhead Tennis Club's policy for the acceptable use of our changing facilities.

1. The club provides separate male and female changing facilities.
2. When it comes to the use of changing rooms it is not always easy to allocate specific time slots for use for adults only or use for children only
3. The club encourages all members to arrive at the club already changed. Where this is not possible, adults are advised not to change when children are present in the changing room
4. Children are also encouraged to come to the club ready changed for the activities they are involved in. This reduces any risks and potential vulnerability associated with mixing adults and children when changing and showering.
5. Parents of U18s are to be made aware of the Safe Use of Changing Facilities Policy and that the changing facilities are for mixed age group use
6. Wherever possible, users of the changing rooms should avoid creating situations where one adult is in a changing room when one or more U18s are present or one U18 is in the changing room when one or more adults is present (unless when an U18 is accompanied by a parent). Users of the changing rooms may need to delay changing to avoid such situations.
7. Parents of U18s are allowed to supervise their child (of the same gender) whilst using the changing facilities
8. Children under the age of 8 can use the changing facilities, when accompanied by their parent, in the changing room of the opposite gender
9. Under no circumstances will coaches take on responsibility for supervising children using the changing facilities
10. Under no circumstances will coaches or volunteers change or shower at the same time as children using the changing rooms.
11. If we are made aware that a child or adult self-identifies as a gender that differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, we will work with them and their parents/carers (where it relates to a child) to make reasonable adjustments to changing arrangements to suit their needs
12. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be used in changing rooms.
13. Any concerns regarding the use of the changing facilities should be reported to the Welfare Officer