

FUNDACIÓ PRIVADA UNIVERSITAT ABAT OLIBA CEU

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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I. PRESENTATION

Fundació Privada Universitat Abat Oliba CEU (hereinafter FPUAO) is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children who may be involved in studies, research projects and/or all types of activities within the scope of the regular work of FPUAO faculty and staff. For the purposes of this Policy, a child is someone under the age of 18.

FPUAO recognizes its responsibility in the protection of children from all crimes -as described in the Spanish Criminal Code- and misbehaviours on campus and at all those facilities where FPUAO faculty and staff may be conducting work on behalf of the university.

FPUAO will furthermore foster and implement adequate procedures to promote and ensure safe practices -based upon the recognition of children rights- among all university employees.

II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- European regulations: the European Council, on October 20th, 2007, signed the Lanzarote Agreement for the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. Spain ratified this agreement in 2010.
- The Spanish Criminal Code (Organic Law 1/1995, November 23rd)
- Organic Law 8/2021, June 4th for the Integral Protection of Youth and Adolescence against violence.
- Organic Law 10/2022, September 6, of the Integral Guarantee for sexual freedom.

III. PRINCIPLES

In the pursuit and implementation of safe practices in all studies and/or research projects involving children, FPUAO will abide by the following principles:

- Child protection is a duty for the entire society.
- All children have the right to protection from all types of crimes and misbehaviours according to international and national laws and regulations on child safety and protection.

- The welfare of children involved in studies and/or research projects shall be the primary concern of all FPUAO employees working on that study or research project.

IV. PRACTICES

- All FPUAO faculty and staff involved in activities with children because of the requirements of their work, will have to provide a no-record certification by the Central Registry of Sexual Criminals (Royal Decree 1110/2015, January 11th).
- All FPUAO faculty and staff involved in activities with children because of their work, will declare the knowledge, acceptance, and fulfillment of the requirements of this Policy by signing a personal responsibility document that will include the following: (i) personal commitment to children safety and wellbeing; (ii) rejection to any type of crime and misbehaviour regarding children; (iii) the understanding that crimes and misbehaviours against children may lead to conviction and jail according to the Spanish Criminal Code and (iv) the commitment to immediately inform FPUAO management and competent authorities about the possible crimes and misconducts against children they may have learned of.
- FPUAO will take all reasonable measures to prevent risks of crimes and misbehaviours against children participating in studies and/or research projects led by our university research teams.
- FPUAO will recruit, train, support and supervise faculty and staff to adopt best practices to safeguard and protect children from crimes and misbehaviours.
- FPUAO will have available channels to receive reports and complaints regarding crimes and misbehaviours against children involved in studies and/or research projects led by our university research teams.
- FPUAO will carefully consider all allegations of crimes and/or misbehaviours regarding children involved in studies and/or research projects led by our university research teams.
- When deemed necessary or convenient according to the existing laws and regulations, FPUAO will report the existence of suspicions of crimes and/or misbehaviours against children involved in studies and/or research projects led by our university research teams.
- Beyond the legal charges incurred by those who may be deemed responsible of crimes and misbehaviours against children, FPUAO will have the right to implement relevant disciplinary procedures.
- FPUAO will regularly monitor this Policy and develop the specific rules that may be necessary to make it effective.