



**Adventure
Ashram**

Adventure Ashram's Child Safeguarding Policy.

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What is Child Security?

Children have the right to be completely secure from the fear or reality of abuse (either physical or emotional) resulting from an inappropriate contact with a sponsor or any other person.

How does online sponsorship process seek to uphold child security?

You will notice as you proceed through our sponsorship site that we release only limited information about the children. We do not include last names, specific community locations, or other information by which the location of the sponsored children could be easily identified. We intentionally withhold this information until after the identity of the sponsor is verified.

The sponsorship process is dependent upon your agreement, as a sponsor, that you will NOT attempt to contact a sponsored child, his or her family or community members, in any manner other than that permitted in advance in writing by Adventure Ashram. In particular, telephone calls, email, or unplanned visits to the child's residence and community are forbidden without written permission and oversight by Adventure Ashram. In addition, all postal mail and packages sent must conform to Adventure Ashram policy that will be stated in materials mailed to each sponsor.

What do you mean by child privacy?

Children and their families must be assured that Adventure Ashram is protecting the integrity of information – including photographs – that is shared about them with the public. We take potential misuse of children's photographs on the web very seriously. Privacy also demands that children, their families and communities be shielded from any potential inappropriate contact from sponsors or others.

How does the online sponsorship process seek to protect child privacy?

Downloading, copying, or other replication of photos or other information that are a part of our website without advance written permission from Adventure Ashram is forbidden. Child profiles are presented for the purpose of conveying appropriate information about the sponsorship relationship to the potential sponsor, and are not for distribution in any other manner.

What is the definition of child dignity?

The lives of children, their families, and members of their community should be portrayed with accuracy and dignity. The children we work with are not subjects to be pitied, but are partners with us in the process of bringing holistic (spiritual, physical, educational, and social) transformation to communities in poverty in transforming the hearts of beneficiaries and donors alike.

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We are committed to portraying the life situation of the children, families, and communities we serve with accuracy and dignity. We seek the full, informed consent of parents, guardians, and/or community leaders for a child's participation in our child sponsorship programmes.

What protections do I have as a sponsor?

Adventure Ashram is also dedicated to protecting you, as a sponsor. We will not reveal any information about you to the child other than the information necessary for them to connect with you. As a sponsor, you have the same rights to privacy and protection as the children do.



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