

## **Safeguarding Policy**

*Solanki Brothers Council for Open and Distance Learning (SBCODL)*

### **Purpose:**

At SBCODL, the safety and well-being of all learners are our top priority. We are committed to safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in our educational programs, whether online or in person. Our safeguarding policy outlines the measures in place to protect our learners from harm, abuse, or neglect while maintaining a secure learning environment.

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to all staff, educators, volunteers, and partners working with SBCODL.

### **Key Principles:**

- 1. Child-Centered Approach:**  
SBCODL believes that every child has the right to a safe learning environment. All decisions and actions will prioritize the best interests of the child.
- 2. Prevention:**  
We are proactive in ensuring the safety of learners by promoting an environment where they feel safe, respected, and able to communicate concerns. All staff undergo regular training on safeguarding issues, including recognizing signs of abuse and understanding their responsibilities.
- 3. Safe Recruitment:**  
SBCODL ensures that all staff, volunteers, and partners undergo thorough background checks (including DBS checks for those working directly with minors) and adhere to our safeguarding code of conduct.
- 4. Reporting and Responding to Concerns:**  
All concerns or allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and handled promptly. We have clear procedures in place for reporting safeguarding issues to designated safeguarding officers, who are trained to take appropriate action in line with local laws and regulations.
- 5. Online Safety:**  
Given our focus on open and distance learning, we implement robust measures to ensure the online safety of our learners. This includes monitoring digital platforms, promoting responsible internet use, and providing guidance on cyberbullying and digital well-being.
- 6. Partnerships:**  
SBCODL works closely with local authorities, educational institutions, and safeguarding organizations to ensure that our policies remain up-to-date and in compliance with international safeguarding standards.
- 7. Review:**  
Our safeguarding policy is reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness, and any updates are communicated to all stakeholders.

### **Contact:**

If any safeguarding concerns arise, please contact our designated safeguarding officer at [solankibrotherinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:solankibrotherinstitute@gmail.com) or call +91 9997874343.