

BJRI SAFEGUARDING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICY

BLACK JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Safeguarding and Public Protection Framework

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to establish the safeguarding, public protection, proportionality, and lawful conduct principles governing the activities of the Black Justice Research Institute (“BJRI”).

The Institute recognises safeguarding as a fundamental institutional obligation.

Safeguarding responsibilities apply internally, externally, digitally, procedurally, operationally, and in relation to public communications and research activity.

The Institute recognises that safeguarding obligations apply irrespective of political opinion, ideological preference, institutional affiliation, or cultural perspective.

2. CORE SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

The Institute supports lawful conduct, proportionality, procedural fairness, public protection, evidence-based assessment, analytical restraint, conflict reduction, and responsible escalation procedures.

The Institute rejects inflammatory conduct, harassment, intimidation, coercion, vigilantism, collective hostility, speculative allegation presented as fact, and unsafe escalation practices.

3. EVIDENTIAL DISCIPLINE

The Institute distinguishes between verified fact, allegation, reported experience, disputed claim, perception, hypothesis, and speculation.

The Institute does not automatically treat perception, suspicion, ideology, emotion, or social pressure as verified evidence.

Safeguarding decisions should remain proportionate, evidence-based, procedurally fair, and subject to uncertainty recognition where appropriate.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public communications associated with the Institute should avoid unsupported accusations, racial hostility, ideological extremism, inflammatory rhetoric, harassment campaigns, and speculative conclusions presented as established fact.

The Institute supports careful language, restraint, documentation, evidential clarity, and lawful communication standards.

5. DIGITAL SAFEGUARDING

The Institute recognises online safeguarding responsibilities, data protection obligations, cyber-security concerns, and reputational safeguarding risks.

Digital activities should therefore support lawful conduct, public protection, responsible publication, and minimisation of unnecessary escalation risks.

6. MENTAL WELLBEING AND VULNERABILITY

The Institute recognises vulnerability, mental distress, trauma, institutional mistrust, communication breakdown, and escalation risk as potentially relevant safeguarding considerations.

The Institute supports non-coercive approaches, culturally competent communication where appropriate, procedural fairness, and reduction of unnecessary escalation.

The Institute does not support exploitation of vulnerable individuals, coercive manipulation, or inflammatory escalation directed toward distressed persons.

7. RESEARCH SAFEGUARDS

Research activity associated with the Institute should support evidential discipline, methodological neutrality, documentation standards, lawful conduct, and recognition of uncertainty where appropriate.

Research should avoid predetermined ideological conclusions, manipulative framing, distortion of evidence, or speculative conclusions presented as established fact.

8. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Institute recognises safeguarding as an ongoing responsibility, not a symbolic statement.

Safeguarding considerations should therefore remain integrated within governance, publication standards, communications, research methodology, and institutional conduct.

9. CONCLUSION

The Institute's safeguarding position is grounded in proportionality, lawful conduct, procedural fairness, evidential discipline, analytical restraint, public protection, and responsible institutional behaviour.

The Institute recognises that long-term institutional credibility depends substantially upon safeguarding seriousness, neutrality, restraint, and responsible conduct.