

D Child Safeguarding Statement

1. The Dublin Youth Dance Company (DYDC)

2. Dublin Youth Dance Company has a Child Protection Policy to help safeguard children / young adults from harm;

- All members of the teaching staff are Garda vetted.
- Only members Garda vetted can help the dancers back stage or be near the dressing room area.
- Dancers under 18 are instructed to wear the DYDC hoodies, in order to be easily identified outside the studio environment when under the company's responsibility.
- All dancers must sign in and out of the studio and the theatres to ensure a record is kept of where dancers are.

3. DYDC have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while being a member of the company. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Bullying, name calling or any other behaviour that may cause offence to a fellow dancer.	All dancers sign an agreement/contract which complies with the CPP code of behaviour of DYDC.
2	Injury and Health Issues	Dancers & Parents are instructed to inform teachers of injuries and health problems the company should be aware of.
3	Dancers performing in theatres/venues – indoors and outdoors	Theatre protocol talks on health & safety are given to the dancers by Teachers, Stage Managers and Production managers
4	Issues with members of DYDC and staff	At Orientation Day at the beginning of the year parents and dancers are advised to communicate with teachers and Director Mariam Ribón in case any issues arise concerning the members throughout the year. DYDC has procedures in place for the Board of Directors to intervene when required.
5	Signing out unaccompanied	DYDC does NOT allow its members under 18 to sign out unaccompanied without a parental consent form in place.

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the*

Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 1st January 2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: Dublin Youth Dance Company

For queries, please contact [Mariam Ribón](#), Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.

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