



CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT- Theatre Royal, Waterford

1. **Name of service being provided** Theatre venue for the purposes of performance
2. **Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm**

Brief outline of the service provided by Theatre Royal, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children:

The Theatre Royal provides performance space to incoming Stage Schools and Musical/Pantomime Companies.

The Theatre Royal provides space for companies to carry out performance-based workshops on an adhoc basis, approx. 3 per year.

The theatre has a Child Welfare Statement laid out and provides necessary training to the relevant theatre team members.

The theatre team works with all incoming companies to ensure Child Welfare Statements and procedures are in place and liaises directly with each companies Child Welfare Person.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the Theatre Royal. Below is a list of areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
1.	Verbal abuse	TR Child Welfare Statement & staff vetting and training
2.	Physical harm	Proof of Child Welfare Statement from all relevant incoming companies & details of companies Child Welfare Person. Relevant Training provided to TR team.
3.	Opportunistic observation	Sign in/out @ Stage Door by companies CWPerson

4. Procedures

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

1. Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/ volunteers of a child availing of the service being presented at TR.
2. Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children if applicable.
3. Procedure for the reporting of child protection and welfare concerns to Tusla. Procedure for appointing a relevant person.
4. All procedures listed are detailed in Child Welfare Statement below.
5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. The TR team is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while attending the TR. This Child Safety Statement will be reviewed on 01/06/2019, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which statement refers.

Signed: MARY BOLAND, Theatre Manager



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Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015

05/11/2018