

Wings Youth Theatre Group (WYTG) Safeguarding Statement of Principles



- WYTG accepts its moral and statutory obligations to safeguard its child members
- WYTG has adopted a Child Protection Policy to which it adheres by implementing procedures which are regularly monitored and updated
- WYTG ensures child members are supervised by appointed adults whom it has vetted and obtained relevant checks as deemed appropriate
- WYTG is committed to providing a safe environment in which children can experience and enjoy amateur theatre performances

What to do if you are concerned about a child

- All safeguarding concerns should be **passed on to the Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ann Marie Forster or Kate Taylor**
- However any individual who has a concern about a child can access these services as follows:
If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.
- Contact the West Sussex - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub if it is less urgent and you are worried about the welfare of a child or children under 18 years . You can contact the MASH during office hours on Tel: 01403 229 900 Email: MASH@westsussex.gcsx.gov.uk. The out of office hours (5pm - 8am weekdays) and 24-hour emergency number on weekends and bank holidays is 0330 222 6664

WYTG supervision of Children

- Licensed Chaperones are appointed to supervise children during rehearsals and performances of shows. Chaperones are required to wear ID at all times. Chaperones will supervise children at all times.
- Adults who are not licensed chaperones should ensure that they are not alone in the company of children - a chaperone should be present at all times.
- Only chaperones are allowed access to children's dressing rooms
- If any adult believes a child/children do not have adequate supervision at any point, they should alert the nearest chaperone
- Adults should ensure they are never on their own with a child and physical contact should always be avoided with children. Any necessary physical contact eg assistance with mic changes, assistance with quick changes will be done by licensed chaperones.
- All adults (including chaperones) are prohibited from taking of photographs or video image of children. The society appoints approved people to take official photographs and video of the production.