

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

If you have any questions about this policy, don't hesitate to get in touch.



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- 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, 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 or 07711 769657

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.

The Organisation has a dedicated Safeguarding Officer, who is in charge of ensuring that the safeguarding policy and procedures are adhered to:

Kate Taylor can be contacted on 01444 235918 | katherinetaylor398@btinternet.com

This policy will be regularly monitored by the Executive Committee of the Organisation and will be subject to annual review.

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Team Wings