

# **A Ticket 2 Ride Entertainment**

## **Safeguarding Policy**

All organisations working with children and young people should be committed to promoting their welfare and protecting them from harm. This is everyone's responsibility and everyone who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play.

A Safeguarding policy is useful to solve problems and mitigate risks. A well-developed safeguarding policy will ensure that everyone in an entire organisation knows what is expected of their organisation, their management and themselves to keep children safe. Its most important function is to reduce the risk of a child being harmed but it also ensures that organisations are protected from risks: e.g. financial, reputational, litigation and many others.

In short, a policy tells staff how things are done in an organisation, and that is another way of saying 'This is how we expect things to be done'. Once the ground rules are established, the policy should say how the organisation intends to check and assure itself that everyone is doing what they should.

A Ticket 2 Ride Entertainment provides information about safeguarding children and young people that it comes into contact with:

### **Policy statement**

A Ticket 2 Ride Entertainment business is not aimed at working with children or vulnerable adults, but as an organisation it is accepted that children may choose to be involved with programmes that are community based.

Therefore this policy will set out how A Ticket 2 Ride Entertainment will manage and mitigate in terms of its contact with children, parents and vulnerable adults within the community, to ensure we support children's rights and create and maintain the safest possible environment.

We do this by:

- Recognising that all children have the right to freedom from abuse and harm
- Promoting joint working with parents and carers in the interest of children's welfare
- Following safe recruitment procedures which ensure that staff are carefully selected, vetted and have the relevant qualifications and experience.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of and accept responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of child
- Responding quickly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse
- Providing parents, carers, and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have. This includes having knowledge of, and ensuring children have access to their preferred methods of

communication and that staff are trained in a variety of communication tools.

- Adopting positive behaviour management strategies which are non-violent and do not impose humiliation
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the organisation's Child Protection Policy and Procedures
- Working in partnership with external organisations and professionals to ensure that children are protected

You can find the original policy, together with guidance and procedures, on the AT2R website:

Useful resources for voluntary organisations working with children and young people can be found on the NSPCC website: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/)

These include:

- standards for organisations to implement and a self-assessment tool kit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-checklist/>
- advice on recruiting and managing staff and volunteers, including pre-employment/engagement checks
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/safer-recruitment/>
- information and resources to support organisations to manage concerns raised about unacceptable or unsafe conduct by staff and volunteers towards other colleagues or children <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/managing-allegations-of-abuse/>

The following guidance is also relevant:

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Information sharing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice>

What to do if you're worried about a child:

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/419604/What to do if you re worried a child is being abused.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419604/What_to_do_if_you_re_worried_a_child_is_being_abused.pdf)

It is important to emphasize that everybody in whatever role working with children and young people has a duty to safeguard children and to report concerns about their safety and wellbeing. If you have any concerns that a child may be being abused, maltreated or neglected please ring the police 999 or NSPCC 0808 800 5000