



EAST COWES
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY
(Theatre Committee)
2023

Child protection policy statement

The East Cowes Town Hall acknowledge the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and the Isle of Wight Council's requirements. The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socioeconomic background, all children...

- Have a positive and enjoyable experience at the pantomime in a safe and child centred environment
- Are protected from abuse whilst participating in rehearsals and performance.

The East Cowes Town Hall acknowledges that some children, including disabled children and young people or those from ethnic minority communities, can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

As part of our safeguarding policy the pantomime directors will ...

- Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern
- Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored
- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals
- Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation. The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in the pantomime.

Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal/exclusion from the organisation.

Monitoring the policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance including up to date covid guidelines
- As required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board or Isle of Wight County Council.
- As a result of any other significant change or event.

(Last reviewed September 2022)