

Help and Advice

Useful contacts:

Modelling Licences	01925 442974
Performance Licences	01925 442974
Senior Attendance Officer	01925 444268
NSPCC – Freefone Helpline	0808 800 5000
Childline Freefone	0800 1111

For information on what to do if you are concerned about a child contact:

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Warrington Borough Council
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New Town House
Buttermarket Street
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Please keep this leaflet for reference

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Children and young people in entertainment

Information for parents



WARRINGTON
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Children and young people in entertainment

- When your child becomes involved in the entertainment industry it is an exciting experience for all of you.
- However, parents also need to know that their employers will take care to ensure their children's safety and wellbeing.
- Your child may have a Matron or Chaperone, but it is also important that as parents, you are satisfied yourself, as to the safety of the environment in which your child will be working. This leaflet helps parents think about some of the issues.



- Encourage them to have someone to talk to about any difficulties – remember it might not always be you.
- Don't let your child give out their mobile telephone number, email address, home address etc to anyone without your consent.

Does your child need a licence to perform?

- Every child from birth to school leaving age, who is involved in any type of 'performance' must have some form of licence issued by their local authority.



- The person, or persons, responsible for making the application for the licence should be either :
 - the agency where the child is registered or
 - the production or television company they are 'performing' for
- They must also be accompanied at all times by either:
 - the parent or legal guardian or
 - a registered, licensed chaperone.

How can you prepare your child?

- Talk to your child about all aspects of keeping safe.
- Make it easy for them to withdraw from situations in which they feel uncomfortable

What you should look out for

- Activities where parents are discouraged from watching.
- Poor communication with you and your child.
- Individuals who show favouritism.
- A change in your child's behaviour indicating they may be unhappy or uncomfortable.
- Children spending time alone with an adult involved in the production or assignment.
- If your child's basic health and safety needs are not being met, e.g. lack of refreshments, inappropriate clothing, lack of sunscreen etc.
- You feel that the physical state of the environment is unsafe for them to work in.
- Concerns regarding the way your child's Matron or Chaperone is working with your child and the company.

What can you do if you have concerns?

- Discuss your concerns with the local authority that has issued the licence.
- Don't hesitate to withdraw your child – their long-term safety and happiness is most important

