



Burnie City Eisteddfod

Child-Safe Policy & Procedures

OBJECTIVE

The Burnie City Eisteddfod is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all participants, with a special focus on the well-being of children involved in our event.

The Child-Safe Policy outlines our dedication to safeguarding children from harm and promoting their overall welfare during all aspects of the Eisteddfod.

GUIDELINES

Participant Welfare:

- All participants, including children, have the right to participate in a safe and respectful environment.
- Ensure appropriate supervision by designated responsible adults during the Eisteddfod.

Communication:

- Maintain transparent and open communication channels with teachers, parents, and participants regarding schedules, expectations and any concerns.
- Provide a clear point of contact for reporting any issues or seeking assistance related to child safety.

Staff and Volunteers:

- Screen all staff, adjudicators, and volunteers involved in the Eisteddfod to ensure they meet appropriate standards of caring for children and that they adhere to the Eisteddfod's Child-Safe Policy and Code of Conduct. All the committee members and volunteers of the Burnie Eisteddfod must hold a valid RWVP (Registration to work with Vulnerable People) card.

Code of Conduct:

- Implement and communicate a Code of Conduct that emphasises respectful and appropriate behaviour towards children and ensures a safe and positive atmosphere.

Physical Safety:

- Ensure all venues and facilities adhere to safety standards.
- Implement measures to prevent and respond to accidents or injuries promptly.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

- Safeguard the privacy and confidentiality of all participants, especially children by managing personal information.

Child Protection:

- Equip staff and volunteers with the necessary knowledge and skills to identify, prevent, and respond to child safety concerns as outlined in, <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/carcru/child-and-youth-safe-organisations-framework>
- Establish clear procedures for reporting any suspected child abuse or safety concerns promptly.
- Respond to reports in a timely and appropriate manner, cooperating with relevant authorities as required.

Review and Improvement:

- Regularly review and update this Child-safe Policy to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with current best practices and regulations.

By adhering to these guidelines, the Burnie City Eisteddfod aims to create an environment where children feel secure, valued, and can fully enjoy their participation in the Eisteddfod.