

JEDC Safeguarding Policy

This Safeguarding Contract is designed to ensure the safety, well-being, and protection of children participating in acrobatic and dance activities. It outlines the responsibilities of all parties involved, including the dance organisation, coaches, parents/guardians, and the children themselves. By signing this contract, all parties agree to abide by the safeguarding policies and procedures set forth herein.

1. Dance and Acrobatics Organisation Responsibilities:

- a. Provide a safe and secure environment for children participating in acrobatics/dance classes or events.
- b. Conduct thorough background checks on all staff members, coaches, and volunteers who will have direct contact with children.
- c. Ensure that all coaches and staff members have received appropriate training on child protection, safeguarding practices, and recognising signs of abuse.
- d. Maintain an up-to-date record of emergency contact information for each child.
- e. Have clear procedures in place for reporting and responding to any concerns or allegations of abuse or misconduct.
- f. Regularly review and update safeguarding policies to ensure they align with current best practices and legal requirements.

2. Coaches' Responsibilities:

- a. Treat all children with respect, dignity, and fairness, regardless of their abilities, race, gender, or background.
- b. Provide appropriate supervision and guidance during training sessions or performances.
- c. Ensure that training activities are age-appropriate and conducted in a safe and controlled manner.
- d. Never engage in any form of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or misconduct.

- e. Report any concerns or suspicions regarding the welfare of a child to the designated safeguarding officer or appropriate authority.
- f. Maintain confidentiality regarding any safeguarding concerns, sharing information only on a need-to-know basis.

3. Parents/Guardians Responsibilities:

- a. Provide accurate and up-to-date contact information to the acrobatics/dance organisation.
- b. Ensure that their child arrives and departs from training sessions or events safely and on time.
- c. Inform the acrobatics/dance organisation of any relevant medical conditions, allergies, or special requirements that may affect the child's participation.
- d. Encourage their child to follow the rules, guidelines, and instructions provided by coaches and staff members.
- e. Report any concerns or suspicions regarding the welfare of their child or any other child to the designated safeguarding officer or appropriate authority.

4. Children's Responsibilities:

- a. Treat coaches, staff members, and other participants with respect and follow their instructions.
- b. Respect the boundaries and personal space of others.
- c. Report any instances of bullying, abuse, or inappropriate behaviour to a trusted adult.
- d. Be aware of their own safety and the safety of others during training sessions or performances.
- e. Seek help or ask questions if they are unsure about anything related to their safety or well-being.

5. Reporting Procedure:

- a. Any concerns or allegations of abuse or misconduct should be reported immediately to the designated safeguarding officer or appropriate authority.

- b. The acrobatics/dance organisation will ensure that all reports are taken seriously, investigated promptly, and handled in a confidential manner.
- c. Any necessary actions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of the child involved, including involving the appropriate authorities if necessary.

By signing below, all parties acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms of this Safeguarding Contract for Children in Acrobatics.

Acrobatics/Dance Organisation: _____

Coach/Staff Member: _____