



Child safeguarding statement (clubs template)

Note: This is an example template provided as a guide only. It is not a ready-to-use child safeguarding statement, and you must take care to tailor your statement for your club. If you use this template as a basis for your own statement, remove the text in this box before publishing it. See the following documents for more information about developing a child safeguarding statement:

- [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children](#)
- [Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement \(www.tusla.ie\)](#)
- [Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice \(www.tusla.ie\)](#)

Name of service being provided: Code Club

(Name of club)

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Code Club is a global community of free clubs where young people develop the skills and confidence to become digital tech creators. We offer a space for young people of all ages and experience levels to develop a deeper understanding of technology. Code Clubs are free, run by volunteers, and held in various locations like schools and libraries.

- _____ club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in our club and activities.
- _____ club is committed to the protection of the children and young people with whom we work, and to promoting good practice within our organisation.
- _____ club is committed to adherence to Children First National Guidance 2017 and the Children First Act 2015.

Our commitment to safeguarding young people who engage with Code Club is grounded in our child protection policy at rpf.io/safeguardingpolicy, and is echoed in the Code Club Charter at rpf.io/cc-charter.

Risk assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing themselves of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk we identified, and a list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to mitigate identified risk
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Procedures

Our child safeguarding statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the procedures to support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing themselves of our service can be found in our child safeguarding policy at rpf.io/safeguardingpolicy.

A	Our procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing themselves of our service can be found in the child safeguarding policy linked above.
B	Our procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children can be found in the child safeguarding policy linked above.
C	Our procedure for the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to volunteers in our service in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm can be found in the child safeguarding policy linked above.
D	Our procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns can be found in the child safeguarding policy linked above.
E	Our procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons can be found in the child safeguarding policy linked above.
F	Our procedure for appointing a relevant person can be found above in the risk assessment section. This is the person who, if a safeguarding concern arises in our club, will report the concern to the Safeguarding Lead at Code Club (see our child safeguarding policy, linked above). Please note, anyone can report safeguarding concerns.

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this child safeguarding statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing themselves of our service.

This child safeguarding statement will be reviewed on the _____, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:

Club leader/child safeguarding officer

For queries, please contact

(child safeguarding officer)

Contact details

Relevant person under
the Children First Act 2015