

UNITY DANCE PROMOTIONS



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The safety of children attending our competitions is of paramount importance to us. The following steps will be taken at our events to ensure that children receive a safe and positive experience.

A venue risk assessment will be undertaken before the doors open to the public. This will include checking fire exits clear, checking for spillages or hazards, checking room temperature, checking toilet facilities adequate, checking if the venue is disability friendly etc.

It is a condition of entry that all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for them for the duration of the event.

It is a condition of entry that all children must be well and fit for competition.

Before the start of each section of the competition, we will have a 10 minute session where dancers have the opportunity to use the dance floor to warm up and prepare themselves for physical activity. We will advise that this must take place on the competition dance floor.

All dancers should have fit for purpose clothing and footwear as per British Dance Council Rules.

There will be a team of licensed chaperones present at all events who will overlook the activity and behaviour of people in attendance. They will monitor the following and report any concerns to the event organiser immediately and appropriate action will be taken:

- * Fire exits remain clear
- * Aisles and gangways remain clear
- * Venue temperature suitable
- * Toilet facilities adequate
- * Children are not changing in public areas
- * Children are warming up in the designated area
- * Spectators observing video policy

- * Children are being supervised by their parent or guardian at all times
- * Dancers are wearing appropriate clothing and footwear as per British Dance Council rules
- * Teachers are behaving appropriately and following our code of conduct
 - * Watch for any unusual or suspicious activity

A first aid provision is available throughout the competition days and their location will be made known at the start of the competition.

The sale of entry wristbands for the events are in advance and either by an on-line entry system or via the dance schools attending. Our door staff will not permit anyone to enter without an entry wristband

CODE OF CONDUCT

All attendees should behave in an appropriate manner around children, not take drugs, not swear and behave respectfully towards other parents, dancers and teachers. In addition, teachers specifically should not drink alcohol & should avoid any communication with children from other dance schools.

A minimum of 2 Chaperone members of staff working as part of the organisation team at UNITY DANCE PROMOTIONS events will hold recognised training in safeguarding and reporting of concerns.

Any breaches may result in external agencies being contacted.
