

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable People – Good Practice

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read 'The Playmakers' safeguarding policy. • Write down and discuss/report anything that gives you cause for concern about a child or vulnerable person's welfare or safety to the children's rep or the Chairman; and • Discuss and report any incident that might suggest a child or vulnerable person is infatuated or taking an 'above normal' interest in you or someone else. • Gain permission for any physical contact with a child or vulnerable person. • Ensure children and vulnerable people can change clothes with the level of respect and privacy appropriate to their age, gender, culture and other personal circumstances. • If you cannot avoid working in a 1:1 situation with a child or vulnerable person, ensure you tell others of your activity and, wherever possible, be within sight of others – e.g. by having a door open or working in a corner of a room whilst another adult is working elsewhere in the room. • Use humour to diffuse a difficult situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the dressing room in a state of undress unless required by your role. • Engage in unnecessary or secretive, physical contact with a child or vulnerable person. • Be alone with a child or vulnerable person except where instructed or it's part of your role. • Undertake any activity or action that might compromise your position or lead a person to question your motivation or intentions. • Seek to establish social contact or communication (e.g. social media, email, texting) with a child or vulnerable adult outside of Playmakers activities without the permission of a parent, carer or other responsible adult. • Accept, or give, regular gifts from, or to, a child or vulnerable person. • Take, publish or share any images of children or young people without permission from a parent. • Access any inappropriate material or images on electronic devices in the presence of children or vulnerable people. • Abuse any position of trust or allow boundaries to become unsafe.