

Appendix 1 - Child Safeguarding Statement

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

1.	Name of service being provided:	IWAI (Inland Waterway Association Ireland)
2.	Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm (brief outline of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children)	IWAI is a voluntary leisure organisation interested in boating and related activities on Ireland's inland waterways. From time to time, the association organises rallies (groups of boats meeting together with organised activities, the largest of which lasts for 10 days in late July). IWAI is a family friendly organisation and children attend, with their parents or guardians, these rallies or other activities arranged by the IWAI. To that end, the IWAI will safeguard the children that attend our events using by following the policy set out in [IWAI Child Protection Guidelines].
3.	Risk Assessment	Parents/guardians will be in attendance at IWAI organised activities and will have given permission for their child/ren to be photographed (including video) and for participation in activities.
3.1	Adults alone with children	Minimum 2 adults supervising children's activities; approx. 1 adult per 7-10 children, depending on age group
3.2	Taking children on boats alone	IWAI practice is that members should not be alone with children
3.3	Bullying	Supervision and oversight
3.4	Children not knowing who to talk to	ECPO/BCPO, as appropriate, will advise parents and children
3.5	Safety around water	IWAI are very safety conscious and promote safe boating at all gatherings including life jacket wearing, safety in dinghies, etc.
3.6	Camping	At some events, teenagers may be permitted to camp. Permission must be specifically obtained from parents.
3.7	Appropriate activities	All children's activities must be approved by the event committee
4.	Procedures	Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with the requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and

		Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service.
		Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
		Procedure for safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children
		Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
		Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
		Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons
		Procedures for appointing a relevant person
5.	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 of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on [December 2018] or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____

Provider

Inland Waterways Association of Ireland

[address and contact details]

For queries, please contact _____

Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015

Appendix 2 – Risk Assessment

RISK ASSESSMENT

BRANCH: _____

EVENT NAME: _____

DATE(S): _____

*Please note: The Executive has informally noted some areas of risk/concerns.
Please complete the Risk Assessment with risks/actions particular to your Branch and/or Event.*

Risk Identified	Action Taken
Spending time with children alone or away from others	Ensure that another adult or the child's parent is present.
Taking lone children in a car or on a boat	In no circumstances should members be alone with children.
Photography/video including children	Specific Opt-in is required on an event registration form.
Use of social media by Committee/Branches (e.g. photos at rallies)	As above
Children to children bullying/abuse	Ensure that no unsupervised children's activities take place
Camping at rallies	Ensure that one or more responsible committee member is in charge of where camp is set up and regularly check on children/teenagers. Specific permission to be on event registration form.
Games and activities being age appropriate	Ensure that committee has approved ALL activities/games/etc. for children to ensure that all committee members have discussed any relevant risk. Parents MUST give consent to any activities taking place away from them.
Children feeling unable to report concerns either on their own behalf or on others	Committee members, in particular any appointed CPOs, should encourage children to talk to them.
Inappropriate behaviours around children	Members should be aware that children are around and try to consider their behaviours accordingly. Children should not be allowed to night events if not in parents

Risk Identified	Action Taken
	company or without specific parental permission.
Allegations of any kind of abuse being made by a child to any member	Member should immediately contact [<i>Name and phone number of ECPO and/or BCPO</i>] who will ensure that the disclosure/allegation by the child is dealt with in accordance with IWAI policy.
Allegations/disclosures being investigated by members/committees or others	Member should immediately contact [<i>Name and phone number of ECPO and/or BCPO</i>] who will ensure that the disclosure/allegation by the child is dealt with in accordance with IWAI policy.
Other Risks Identified	

Signed: _____ (ECPO) Date _____

_____ (BCPO) Date _____

_____ (Branch Chairman) Date _____

_____ (Rally Chairman) Date _____

