Child Players ACT

Photography, Filming and Online Safety Policy

Safe Online and On Camera

Photos and videos help us celebrate our shows and share the joy of theatre, and online communication helps us keep in touch with families. But images and online contact can also put children at risk if they are not handled carefully.

At Child Players ACT, photos and videos of children are only taken and used with the permission of their parents/carers, and all online communication with children is open, professional and includes their parents/carers.

Purpose of the Policy

This policy brings together the rules for taking, storing and sharing photos and videos of participants, posting on social media, and communicating with participants online. It works alongside the Photos and Videos and Social Media sections of our Child Safe Code of Conduct, and the Phones and Online sections of our Participant's Safety and Respect Guidelines.

Who This Policy Applies To

This policy applies to all Child Players ACT staff, volunteers, contractors (including official photographers and videographers), and families attending our events.

Details of the Policy and Procedures

Consent	**Parents/carers are asked for photo and video consent when they enrol their child. Images of a child are only used in promotional material (online or printed) if their parent/carer has given consent. Staff check the consent list before using any image, and respect a child's wishes if they do not want to be photographed.**

Taking photos and videos	• Only take photos of children on a device owned by Child Players ACT, unless you are the official photographer or videographer. • Photos for costume or blocking purposes are allowed, but must be deleted after use. • Never take photos or videos in toilets. • Backstage and dressing room photos (a much-loved part of our show photos!) may only be taken of fully dressed actors, and only on a device owned by Child Players ACT.
Storing images	Official photos and videos are stored securely in Child Players ACT's Google Drive, with access limited to staff who need them. Keep any images of children you have access to private, and do not keep copies on personal devices.
Social media	• Only post or repost photos of children on Child Players ACT's official social media accounts, and only with consent. • Never post photos of participants on your personal social media, even if the child says it's okay. • Do not tag children or include their full names or other identifying details in posts.
Communicating with children	• Include a child's parent/carer in any email, text or message to a child. • If you need to speak to a child on the phone, call their parent/carer. • Only message or follow children through Child Players ACT's social media accounts. • Do not friend or follow participants on personal accounts, or let them friend or follow you. (Online friendships formed when both people were under 18 may continue.)
Group chats	If participants create a group chat during a Child Players ACT program, a staff member must be included so it can be monitored for bullying or inappropriate content.
Participants' phones	Participants keep their phones in their bags during rehearsals and only use them during breaks if they need to contact a parent/carer. Participants under 16 must not post photos of other participants online, and participants over 16 need the person's consent (see the Participant's Safety and Respect Guidelines).
Families at performances	Families are asked to follow venue rules about photography and filming during performances, and not to post images of other people's children online without their parents' consent.
Reporting concerns	Report any concerns about images or online behaviour following our Child Safe Reporting and Complaint Handling Policy.
Date of review	Our child safe policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to make sure they remain effective. This policy was last reviewed in November 2026 and will next be

reviewed in November 2027. Feedback is welcome: talk to BJ or email contact@childplayersact.net.

Related Policy Documents

- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Participant's Safety and Respect Guidelines
- Child Safe Reporting and Complaint Handling Policy
- Privacy and Record Keeping Policy
- All documents: Child Safety Policies folder