

Rocket Artists Studios Safeguarding policy

This policy applies to all who attend Rocket Artists Studios CIC.

It also applies to directors, artists, staff and volunteers and anyone involved with or participating in Rocket Artists studio sessions or activities, whether paid or not.

Rocket Artists CIC is committed to safeguarding those who engage in its activities, ensuring their well-being.

Definition of 'child' and 'adult at risk'

In this policy, the terms 'child' or 'children' are used to refer to anyone aged under the age of 18.

The term 'adults at risk' is used to refer to anyone aged 18 or over, who:

Needs care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting these needs); and

Is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and

As a result of those care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect.

This policy seeks to:

- Protect children who are involved in Rocket Studio activities.
- Protect adults at risk who are involved in Rocket Studio activities.
- Provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

Rocket Studio Statement on safeguarding

Our activities as an organisation are centred on supporting artists with support needs to realise their full potential.

At Rocket Studios we believe that no one should experience abuse.

The directors of Rocket Studios recognise their responsibility to protect children and adults at risk who engage with activities either in the studios or out on additional activities.

We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of children and adults at risk, and to keep them safe.

We are committed to operating in a way that protects them.

Legal framework

Rocket Studios recognises its responsibilities under the terms of the Children Act 1989 and 2004, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015, Children and Social Work Act 2017, the Care Act 2014 and the Care and Support statutory guidance (updated 2019), the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and other relevant legislation, to make arrangements for ensuring that it safeguards and promotes the welfare of children and adults at risk.

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989.

- All children, and all adults at risk, regardless of age, dis/ability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, parents, carers and other agencies, as well as with adults at risk and their carers and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

We will seek to keep children and adults at risk safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- Appointing a Designated Safeguarding lead for children and adults at risk
- Adopting safeguarding practices through procedures and a code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
- Developing effective policies and related procedures.
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, and training
- Recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely, and sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with adults at risk, children, their families, staff and volunteers.
- Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving adults at risk, children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately.
- Using our procedures to manage any allegations against trustees, staff and volunteers appropriately.
- Working with Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (<https://www.bhsab.org.uk/>)

What to do if you have a concern

All concerns must be taken seriously – everyone in Rocket Studios has a responsibility to report any concerns.

If someone is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, report them to our safeguarding team:

info@rocketartists.co.uk.

Useful contacts

Police: Emergency (immediate danger), call 999

Police: Non-emergency (advice), call 101

NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5000

Rocket Studios Safeguarding Children Lead: Layla Hignell-Tully 07729842364

Rocket Studios Safeguarding Adult Lead, Eve Turner-Lee 07933847886

Rocket Studios safeguarding team: info@rocketartists.co.uk

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