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# Vulnerable Adults & Child Protection Policy

## 1.1 Introduction

Everyone who participates in The Savannah Irish Festival Committee is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. The Savannah Irish Festival Committee has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that, when given responsibility for young people and vulnerable adults, volunteers provide them with the highest possible standard of care.

The Savannah Irish Festival Committee is committed to devising and implementing policies so that everyone who participates accepts their responsibilities to safeguard children and vulnerable adults from harm and abuse. This means following procedures to protect children and vulnerable adults by reporting any concerns about their welfare to the appropriate authorities.

The aim of the policy is to promote good practice, providing children and young people as well as vulnerable adults with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of The Savannah Irish Festival Committee and to allow volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child and vulnerable adults protection issues.

## 1.1 Policy Statement

The Savannah Irish Festival Committee is committed to the following:

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.
- All children and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, ability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief, and/or sexual orientation/identity should be able to participate in The Savannah Irish Festival in a fun and safe environment.
- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm, discrimination, and degrading treatment and to respect their rights, wishes, and feelings.
- All suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All Savannah Irish Festival Committee volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults will be recruited regarding their suitability for that responsibility and will be provided with guidance and/or training in good practice and child protection procedures.
- Working in partnership with parents of children and caregivers of vulnerable adults is essential for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.