



Romsey Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society Child Protection Policy

The parents or carers of children taking part in theatrical activities at RAODS are required to sign a form indicating that they and their children have read and understood the following:

A major part of RAODS responsibility for young people in our care is to ensure their safety and well-being at all times. To help us do this effectively we have implemented a Child Protection policy which is designed to protect your child and all the children who are members of RAODS.

Child Protection Policy Statement

RAODS is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people involved in any of its activities and opportunities.

RAODS do this by:

- Recognising that all children have the right to freedom from abuse.
- Ensuring that all our chaperones accept responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of children in their care.
- Holding current Hampshire County Council Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates.
- Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse, and providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have.
- Appointing a Child Protection Officer (Mrs Lynette Butcher) who will take specific responsibility for child safety and act as the main point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies.
- Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer or the appropriate external authorities.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection Policy annually.

Young people should ensure that they:

- Always report to the Director or designated person for each production, every time they enter or leave the building.
- Always phone the Director or designated person if they will be arriving late or cannot come for any unavoidable reason.
- Always ensure that they change in the designated areas with a registered chaperone on site.
- Do not bring in any valuable items unless they absolutely have to.
- Always tell the director or designated adult if you are involved in an accident.
- Always tell their parents and the Child Protection Officer if they have, or witness, any problems.

Parents should ensure that they:

- Always bring their children to rehearsals, meetings etc. and ensure they leave them with an allocated responsible adult eg. Director, Chaperone.
- Always ensure that they come into the building to collect their children after any event and inform the responsible allocated adult that they are taking their child.
- Have completed an information sheet in case of any emergency for contact use for every show.

If you have any concerns please contact the Child Protection Officer for RAODS:
Lynette Butcher 01794 502173.