



SAIL TRAINING  
IRELAND

## Safeguarding Statement for Young People & Vulnerable Adults

- Sail Training Ireland for youth development is committed to providing safe and supportive environments for young people and vulnerable adults to engage in sail training activities both on and off the water.
- We are conscious of our responsibilities to inform the appropriate authorities of any reasonable grounds for concern that a young person may have been, is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected.
- Everyone must be alert to the possibility that young people and vulnerable adults with whom they are in contact may be suffering from abuse or neglect. This document contains information designed to support all Sail Training Ireland staff and volunteers in their role.
- This document is designed in a way that the appropriate information is made available for parents, caregivers, youth organisations, vessel operators, and young people and vulnerable people themselves.
- This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers and the board of directors, sailing on or visiting the vessel or other premises organised by Sail Training Ireland STIRL (the Charity), paid staff, students, volunteers or anyone working on behalf of the Charity. This policy will be reviewed annually as a minimum.

### **1. Name of service being provided:**

Sail Training for Youth Development

### **2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm**

Sail Training Ireland is a charity (CHY 20067) that funds the development and education of young people from all backgrounds and all abilities from the entire island of Ireland, by providing them with access to self- development training programmes on board tall ships and other vessels.

The principal activity is to place trainees –particularly the disadvantaged and those who may not have had the opportunity to avail of such a chance due to their circumstances- on vessels both in Ireland and abroad.

We also place trainees with various disabilities including wheelchair users on a custom built tall ship that allows them to fully partake in the experience.

Sail Training Ireland is the national sail training organisation in Ireland and is recognised as such by Sail Training International, the worldwide body for sail training.

### **2. Risk Assessment**

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our

services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	<b>Risk identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	Engagement with young people	All sea mentors/ youth leaders engaging with young people have completed children's First training and are Garda vetted
2	Reporting procedures	Procedure is in place for reporting of child protection or welfare issues to Tusla
3	Recruitment & Selection	Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with young people
4	Allegations of abuse	Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers from a young person availing of our service
5	Information Communication and Training	Procedure in place for the provision and access to Child safeguarding information and Training
6	Sharing of information	Procedure in place with regard to sharing of information in accordance with GDPR compliance
7	Young person's safety onboard ship	All young people will undergo safety training onboard designated ship prior to voyage.
8	Safety on board ship	Risk assessments have been undertaken and submitted by vessel operators.

### **3. Procedures**

Our Youth Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, 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 the 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 the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Implemented a code of conduct for young people
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

### **4. Implementation**

We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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