

Child Safeguarding Statement



1. Name of service being provided

Drogheda Motor Show

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

The Drogheda Motor Show is a collective exhibition of brand-new vehicles from a number of participating Drogheda based motor dealerships to the general public. This will be the 13th year running for the show, the fourth at this town centre venue. This year's show is based on the public display of approximately 80 new motor vehicles from 9 Drogheda Franchised Motor Dealerships, now covering 20 marques. The risk assessment is based on the risks associated with the Dealers exhibiting motor vehicles on Laurence Street on the 21st October 2023. While the show will have no direct interaction with children, Parents will be travelling with their children and we have assessed any risks associated with this.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Children separated from their parents	Two organisers will take the child to the central help / information desk and mind said child until they can be linked up with their parents.
2	A child receiving an injury on the street	Accompany child and parents to the Order of Malta station on the street where the correct actions can be taken.
3	Interaction with children	There is no planned interaction with children, other than street entertainment in the form of music and possibly a magician / face-painter. A list of all people involved in the event is held by the event officer.
4	Balloons may be given out on the day	No balloons will be given to children and will be passed on to a parent if they so wish

4. Procedures

Our Child 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;
- 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.

5. 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 21/10/2023, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  (Provider)

For queries, please contact Robert Murray (087 798 5140) Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.