



Child Safeguarding Statement

1. Name of service being provided:

Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre

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

Wexford Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre is dedicated to enhancing the health and fitness of our community by providing access to our swimming pool and gym facilities. We provide swimming lessons tailored for children aged 4 and above, both in group settings and as part of school programs. Additionally, we offer instructor-led teen gym sessions aimed at promoting physical activity and well-being among young people. As a recognized Water Safety Ireland Training Facility, we seek to educate our swimmers on Water Safety. We are committed to cultivating an inclusive and respectful environment for all children and young people utilising our facilities. Every participant in our programs is entitled to protection and to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity.

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	Policy or Procedure in place to manage identified risk
	Coaching/staff practices	
	A child being bullied by a member of staff or peer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Policy Safeguarding training
	Harm not being recognised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Policy ▪ Safeguarding training
	Lack of awareness of risk of harm with members and patrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safety statement ▪
	No communication of Child Safeguarding statement or Code of behaviour to members and patrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Safeguarding Statement on display ▪ Code of behaviour as part of membership sign up.
	Recruitment	
	Unqualified/untrained persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruitment policy ▪ Safeguarding Training ▪ Vetting Policy
	General risks	
	Supervision issues	Supervision Policy
	Child not collected at end of swimming lesson	Child Protection Policy
	Missing or found child on site	Supervision policy
	Behavioural issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Code of conduct Complaints & Disciplinary policy
	Unauthorised access to designated children's areas during lessons (Pools, group changing rooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervision Policy
	Children sharing facilities with adults – changing village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Policy
	Unauthorised photography & recording devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photography and mobile phone use policy ▪ Signs in the Changing village and poolside



Harm caused by: Child to child Coach to child. Member to child Visitor to child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Policy ▪ Safeguarding training
Complaints & Discipline	
Complaints not being dealt with seriously	Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
Lack of adherence with procedures in Child Protection Policy (i.e. mobile, photography)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Protection Policy ▪ Complaints & Disciplinary Policy
Reporting Procedures	
Concerns or abuse/harm not being reported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures ▪ Safeguarding Training
Lack of knowledge of organisational and statutory reporting procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting procedures ▪ Code of Conduct
Not clear who young person or parent should talk/report to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DLP name displayed. ▪ CCO name displayed.

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 1st May 2025, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____ (Provider)

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For queries, please contact above mentioned, Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.