



## Child Safeguarding Statement

South Dublin Radio Club in accordance with our code of behaviour, policies, procedures & our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safety Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members of our club.

Our members are committed to the safeguarding of children and young people at our club and we seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop their interest in amateur radio and related pursuits.

The aim of South Dublin Radio Club is to foster and develop interest in all aspects amateur radio communications through a variety of activities. These activities are organised and promoted by dedicated club members.

### PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN FROM HARM

This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and with the requirements of our policies that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that all children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience of Amateur radio and when participating in our activities that they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

### RISK ASSESSMENT

In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment of the potential for harm to children when they are participating in our games and attending our activities under the following headings: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications and a further heading of General Risk of Harm. To the right is a list of areas of risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for these risks.

RISKS IDENTIFIED	PROCEDURE/POLICIES IN PLACE
Bullying of a child.	South Dublin Radio Club "Code of Conduct" & "Social Media Policy"
Risk of harm of sexual abuse (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a club member	South Dublin Radio Club Child Protection Policy, Child Safeguarding statement
Risk of harm of physical/psychological/emotional abuse (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a Club member	Statement & Guidance on "Recognising child protection and welfare concerns". Statement & Guidance on "Procedures for Good Practice" & "Poor Practice". Statement & Guidance on "Responding to" & "Reporting Child Protection Concerns".
Risk of harm of abuse when away for Club field days, excursion, and overnight stays etc.	Statement & Guidance on "Procedures for Good Practice" & "Poor Practice" contained in South Dublin Radio Club Child Protection Policy
Risk of harm & online abuse through social media	South Dublin Radio Club Code of behaviour & Social Media Policy

### PROCEDURES

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015, Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice and as required by our Club's Policies.

### The following procedures contained in our risk assessment support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our Club's services.

Procedure in respect to the management of allegations of abuse against any member, non-member or volunteer of a child availing of our club.

Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to TUSLA and/or An Garda Síochána

Procedure for the appointing of a "Relevant Person" who is the relevant person for the purpose of this statement.

### RELEVANT PERSON

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All policies and procedures listed above are available on request.

We Recognise implementation and review is an ongoing process, We are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children and young people safe from harm while availing of our service. Review Date 1/11/2021