



10 Things you should know about Children in Entertainment



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Licences for children in entertainment are issued in Northumberland by the Education Welfare team after welfare and safeguarding checks have been carried out.

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Legislation in relation to Children in Entertainment applies to all children from birth until compulsory education ends. It is designed to ensure that a child's welfare is paramount.

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A licence is required if a performance meets the following criteria:

- it takes place on licensed premises
- it is broadcast, filmed or recorded for public exhibition
- a charge is made (even if there is no admission charge).

A licence is also required if the child

- performs more than 4 days in a 6-month period, licensed or not
- is being paid
- requires time off from school

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A child does not require a licence if:

- they perform for up to 4 days in any six-month period providing there is no absence from school
- it is a school performance
- the performance is put on by a body of persons approved by the Secretary of State (Home Office) or the Local Authority
- any activity which the local authority does not consider to be a performance.

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An exemption can be issued if the children have not performed for more than 3 days in the last 6 months, are not being paid and are not missing school for any rehearsals or performances. If this applies an exemption could be issued.

If an exemption is issued, there is no legal requirement to have licenced chaperones. However, we strongly advise that you always have sufficient adult supervision for the children.

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Either a licence or a letter of exemption will be issued by the licensing authority in which the child resides. The local authority must by law be informed of the details of any performance involving children.

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The person responsible for the production applies for the licence. Checks are made to ensure compliance with Children in Entertainment regulations.

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Where a licence has been issued the law requires the child is always cared for by an approved chaperone. Their duty is to ensure they always have sight of the children in their care, and they do not come into contact with any danger or harm.

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Legislation dictates how many hours, days, and types of performance a child can undertake depending on their age.

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Licence information and applications are available at:
www.northumberland.gov.uk; or contact:
educationwelfare@northumberland.gov.uk

If you have concerns about the welfare of a child, then please contact OneCall on 01670 536400

Contact Details



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<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Looked-after/Virtual.aspx>