

# 10 things you should know about Children in Entertainment



Northumberland Education Welfare Service is part of the Virtual School in the Education and Skills Service

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Education Welfare work to ensure the local authority's statutory duties and responsibilities for safeguarding children in relation to school attendance, elective home education, children missing education, child employment and performance licensing are carried out to the highest possible standard.

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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 a child's welfare is paramount.

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A child requires a licence at any performance: if the child is paid; absence from school is required; at licensed premises or a registered club in connection with which a charge is made; when taking part in a performance which is broadcast or recorded for future broadcast.

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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; school performances; performances put on by a body of persons approved by the Secretary of State (Home Office) or the local authority; any activity which the LA does not consider to be a performance.

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There are rules about how many hours, days and types of performance a child can undertake depending on their age.

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Licences are issued by the local authority in which the child resides.

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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 cared for at all times by an approved chaperone.

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Licence information and applications are available at:  
[www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk);  
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