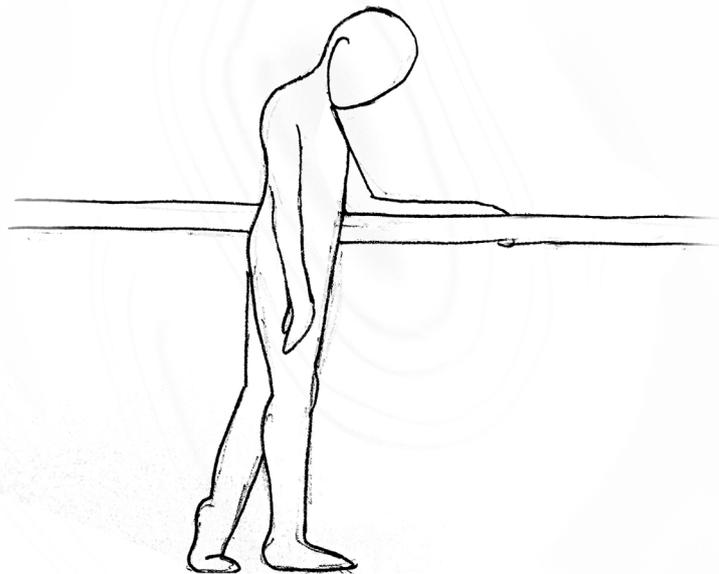


**Supporting and understanding  
safeguarding: useful resources for  
teachers, students and parents.**



## **No matter where you are in your dance career, One Dance UK is here to support you.**

We are aware that many people may be affected or worried about conversations in the press regarding safeguarding in dance training and education. These serious concerns affect everyone in dance, and One Dance UK exists to advocate for and assist the sector.

We want to make sure that if you or someone you know has been affected by any of the headlines or discussions happening in the press, there is support available. In this document you will find a list of organisations who can offer information and support. We have also outlined the various ways you can raise concerns you may have about a child or young person, or if you have worries about someone's professional conduct.



## Urgent help and advice

### Police

Police If a crime is in progress or you feel that you or anyone else is in immediate danger then you should call emergency services immediately on 999.

If you believe a crime has been committed this can be reported to the police by calling 101 or online:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

You can also contact [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) (telephone 0800 555 111) to report a crime anonymously. They will pass the information about the crime to the police.

### Childline

Childline is a free, private and confidential service to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, they have trained counsellors to support you. 0800 11 11 [www.childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

### NSPCC

If you are worried about a child, even if you are unsure, you can contact NSPCC's professional counsellors for help, advice and support. 0808 800 5000 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

# How to report a concern about individuals or organisations working with children and young people

All organisations working with children, young people, vulnerable adults and families must have safeguarding policies and procedures in place which everyone working in the organisation should be aware of and following.

There should be clear procedures for dealing with concerns and complaints and a named member of staff responsible for overseeing safeguarding procedures. Parents/carers should be advised how they can access these policies, how they can raise a complaint or concern within the organisation and what will happen once they do.

Children and young people should be clear about who they can speak to in the organisation if they have worries or concerns.

If you are unhappy about the way a safeguarding issue or procedure has been handled or you feel unable to raise your concerns with the organisation for any reason, you should contact the local authority Children's Social Care Services.

## **England - [Local Authority Designated Officer \(LADO\)](#)**

Local authorities have a designated officer, or team of officers, to be involved in the management and oversight of allegations against people that work with children. These can be found through your local authority, or the local authority in which the organisation/individual works.

## **Northern Ireland - [Gateway Service Teams](#)**

Northern Ireland Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts Gateway Services for Children's Social Work. If you are concerned about a child at risk of harm or abuse in Northern Ireland please contact your local Trust Gateway Team. Contact details can be found [here](#).

## **Wales - [Regional Safeguarding Boards](#)**

Regional Safeguarding Boards provide support and advice and will also report on the adequacy and effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard children and adults in Wales. Safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Regional safeguarding Board.

## **Scotland - [Local Councils](#)**

Safeguarding concerns in Scotland should be reported to your local council, or the local council in which the individual/organisation works.

You can report online abuse to the [Child Exploitation and Online Protection \(CEOP\) centre](#).

## Raising a concern about an organisation you work or volunteer in

Staff and volunteers in any organisation should feel confident about challenging the behaviour of others and know the organisational policy for voicing concerns. They should also know who to contact if they feel unable to report an incident within their organisation for any reason. They can make a report to the police or local child protection services as detailed above.

NSPCC also hosts a dedicated Whistleblowing Hotline which offers free advice and support to professionals with concerns about how child protection issues are being handled in their own or another organisation.

**0800 028 0285**    [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## Parents - What to look for in an organisation

Organisations working with children and young people should:

- \* Have a safeguarding policy, with clearly outlined procedures for dealing with concerns
- \* Let you see their policies or advise where they can be accessed
- \* Provide you with the name of a designated welfare or child protection officer
- \* Have written standards for good practice (for example a Code of Conduct for staff)
- \* Ask you to provide essential medical and emergency contact information, and get consent for your child to participate in activities
- \* Have safe recruitment processes for all staff and volunteers, such as ensuring references are received and carrying out criminal record checks (DBS) where appropriate
- \* Provide regular safeguarding training for everyone working in the organisation
- \* Be able to let you know about the types of things they do to keep children and young people safe

**Although written with a sports focus, the following resources may also be useful for parents when considering dance organisations:**

**[NSPCC](#) offers guidance and support for parents as part of their resources around children and sport.**

**[Sport England](#) offers advice on selecting and assessing clubs and activity providers.**

## Further information, support and advice

### **Stop it Now!**

UK and Ireland is a child protection charity working to prevent child sexual abuse by making sure adults know what they can do to keep children safe. They offer a confidential helpline for anyone with concerns about child sexual abuse and its prevention – 0808 1000 900

**Barnardo's** is a charity which exists to support children, young people, parents and carers across the UK.

**The Children's Society** is a charity working to fight child poverty, tackle neglect and support victims of abuse in Britain. Their website includes a useful Advice Hub for children and young people.

**Action for Children** is a UK charity which exists to protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support.

**Children in Wales** is the national umbrella body for organisations and individuals who work with children, young people and their families in Wales.

**Children 1st (Scotland)** is Scotland's National Children's Charity which exists to prevent abuse and neglect and to protect children and keep them safe from harm. They offer a free advice and support line for parents and families. 0800 28 22 33

**Family Lives** (England and Wales) provides support, guidance and understanding to parents and families, including offering an online and telephone helpline, with an option for a Welsh language call. 0808 800 2222

**Parenting NI** is the leading charity for parenting support in Northern Ireland. They offer an online and telephone chat service for parents who have a worry and aren't sure where to turn. 0808 8010 722

**LawStuff** (England) provides legal advice and information for young people.

## Performing Arts specific information

**British Association of Performing Arts Medicine** offer specialist health support and advice for those working in and studying in Performing Arts

**Industry Minds** is a mental health support platform for the Creative Arts.

**ArtsMinds** supports performers and creative practitioners in need.

**One Dance UK's Healthcare Practitioners Directory** is a free searchable online database listing details of medical, psychological, and complementary health practitioners throughout the UK.

