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## Resources & Services

There is a National organisation that each local authority is a member of: National Network for Children in Employment and Entertainment: [NNCEE - National Network for Children in Employment & Entertainment](#). For local enquiries, please contact: [childlicensing@bury.gov.uk](mailto:childlicensing@bury.gov.uk)

Many parents and employers do not know that children below minimum school leaving age who have a job that is part of a business are regarded as 'working' whether or not they are paid. If they are working without a permit, they are unlikely to be covered by the **employer's insurance policy**.

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## What to do

Bury Local Authority holds a register of all children who require a child licence for entertainment or employment. Every chaperone attends safeguarding training and is kept on a register. Chaperones must apply for a pack via the child licensing officer.

Safeguarding and welfare checks take place on site to ensure that guidance is followed at filming locations / modelling shoots/ pantomimes etc.

If you feel that a child/ren are at risk of significant harm, then contact [Bury MASH](#) team on 0161-253-5678 or Emergency Duty Team 0161-253-6606 or the Police on 999.

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## Working Together

The child licensing officer works together with schools, multi-agencies and other local authorities in the UK. Information is shared to ensure that the children are safeguarded on any filming locations around the country. Headteachers provide approval for students to attend performances as they will be absent from school. Tutors are provided on set so the student can continue with their studies in between filming.

# Bury Safeguarding Partnership

## 7 Minute Briefing: Child Licensing Entertainment / Employment



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## Why is there legislation and regulations in place around child performance?

The legislation exists in order to protect the welfare of children and young people who take part in performances and to ensure they are protected from exploitation. The laws and regulations place a duty on Local Authorities to ensure the health, welfare and kind treatment of children involved in the entertainment industry and also to issue licences permitting their participation in such activities and performances.

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## Employment

Child Employment in England is covered by the Children & Young Person Act 1933 and also by local byelaws, which are drawn up by each Local Authority. There are model byelaws which were written in 1998 and can be seen in the Child Employment Document from UK Parliament. **Bury bye-laws:** Any child undertaking part-time work must be aged 13 years or over.

Failure to comply with the Child Employment Legislation can lead to prosecution. The penalty for an offence under this legislation is £1000 fine or 6 months in prison.

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## Performance Licence Application

To apply for a 'Performance Licence' the following documents must be completed and returned to the Licensing Officer at least 21 days before the first performance.

- Application form (Parts 1 and 2)
- Absence from school form

These documents should be returned to the Child Licensing Officer together with:

- A photocopy of the child's birth certificate or passport
- 2 passport sized photographs of the child, taken in the last six months

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## Regulations & Acts

- [The Children \(Performances & Activities\)\(England\) Regulations 2014. Statutory Instruments 2014 No. 3309](#)
  - [Children & Young Persons Act 1933](#)
  - [Children & Young Persons Act 1963](#)
- [The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#)
  - [Health & Safety - children](#)
    - [Education Act 1996](#)
    - [Education Act 2002](#)