



Some simple guidance to keep it safe and happy

## Involving children

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### BEST PRACTICE FOR FUNDRAISING WITH CHILDREN

If you plan to involve children in fundraising activities, there are a few things that you may have questions about or need to be aware of such as: parental permission, age limits for collections, CRB checks etc.

Download this best practice [briefing document](#) produced by the Institute of Fundraising for more information and guidance about fundraising with children.

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### BEST PRACTICE FOR FUNDRAISERS IN-AID-OF AND IN SCHOOLS

The Institute of Fundraising gives the following guidance in '[Guidance for 'In Aid of' Volunteer Fundraisers](#)'. Ensure that your event is properly and adequately supervised. Where children are included, this includes:

- Providing proper adult supervision
- Checking that the child's parents/guardians have given their permission for their child to take part
- Carrying out appropriate background checks if adults are to have unsupervised access to children.

They also provide the following Code of Fundraising Practice [Fundraising in Schools](#)

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### USEFUL GUIDANCE AND ADVICE

The Department for Children, Schools and Families have provided the following advice:

Many organisations like local fundraising events are outside of the regulated sectors and care for children in one way or another. Whilst you are under no legal duty to follow the guidance set out in the guidance, Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education, you may find some of the principles and advice useful in terms of good practice. A copy of the guidance is available on the governments [website for teacher's](#)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families also has a website which contains [advice, good practice and example policies](#) on a range of safeguarding issues. You could also look at the guidance for charities on the [Charity Commission's](#) website.

### If your fundraising is carried out as part of a charity's or organisation's work

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, which will be implemented from autumn 2008, provides the legislative framework to help prevent unsuitable people from gaining access to children and vulnerable adults through their work. The scheme does not make a distinction between paid and unpaid work - it covers both employees and volunteers - as in both cases unsuitable people should not have the opportunity to harm children.

Members of small voluntary groups will be covered by the new scheme if, for example, they are frequently or intensively teaching, training, instructing, caring for, or supervising children where this is not incidental to the same activity in relation to adults. Such individuals would need to become a member of the scheme and be checked by the head of the voluntary group. However, once an individual has made a membership application to the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB), potentially via an enhanced disclosure, their status in the scheme can subsequently be checked free and online. In many cases there will be no need for repeat CRB disclosures. Applications for membership from volunteers will be free.

The Department is continuing to liaise with voluntary groups to ensure they will be aware of the impact of the new scheme once it is introduced from autumn 2008.

Organisations such as Volunteering England have already been very positive about the opportunities offered by the new scheme. You may find some further useful information on the [Every Child Matters](#) web-link.

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