

# Parent & Guardian Safeguarding Statement

**Calling U Out (CUO)** is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people attending our events.

## Our Commitment

- The welfare of every child is our highest priority
- We provide a safe, inclusive and well-managed event environment
- We work in partnership with parents, guardians, dance schools and venues
- We follow UK safeguarding legislation and best practice

## Supervision & Responsibility

- Children remain the responsibility of their **parent, legal guardian, registered chaperone or dance school** at all times unless otherwise stated in writing
- CUO staff, judges and volunteers do not provide childcare or supervision
- CUO events do not operate backstage environments

## Photography & Filming

- Photography and filming may take place at CUO events
- Consent is collected through registration processes
- Images are used responsibly and in line with GDPR
- If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please notify CUO in advance

## Safeguarding Concerns

If you have a concern about a child's welfare during a CUO event:

- Speak to a CUO staff member immediately
- Ask to speak to the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** on duty
- Concerns will be taken seriously and handled confidentially

CUO may share safeguarding concerns with statutory agencies where required to protect a child.

## Behaviour Expectations

We expect all parents, spectators and attendees to: - Treat children, staff and officials with respect - Follow venue rules and CUO event guidance - Act appropriately around all children

Aggressive, inappropriate or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

## Further Information

CUO's full Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy is available upon request or via our website.

## **Calling U Out (CUO)**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.