

SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT
Sunshine Fund
Child Jesus of Prague

SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

The Sunshine Fund has conducted a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Túsla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

East Region
**Sunshine Fund (Child Jesus of Prague) 91-92 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 2/
Church Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin**
Mary Galligan
Week long, volunteer led, residential holiday for 7-11 year olds.

The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION	Low	SVP recruitment and selection policy Training
INDUCTION	Low	SVP induction policy
REPORTING CONCERNS	Low/medium	Child protection training Child safeguarding officer
CONDUCT – VOLS, STAFF, STUDENTS	Low/medium	Code of conduct Ongoing supervision/observation

TECHNOLOGY/ SOCIAL MEDIA	Low	Technology policy
INTIMATE CARE	Medium	Two 2 one policy Child protection policy
SPECIFIC NEEDS	Low/Medium	Information to – from parents Child Protection policy
GENERAL RISK OF HARM	Low/Medium	Code of Conduct Rules of Sunshine
MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP	Low	Head Stewards Training
OUTINGS	Medium/High	Garda Vetting Policy High- Vis Jackets Supervision/Observation
RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAYS	Medium/High	Recruitment process Vetting/induction/C.P.Training Two 2 one policy Partitions in dormitories

In addition to this activity risk assessments the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.

SVP, Sunshine Fund recognises that implementation is an ongoing process – we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is:

Mary Galligan

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

February 2020