



Child Safeguarding Statement Policy

The Republic of Ireland Taekwon-do Association (R.I.T.A) provides Taekwon-do martial art teaching for children, young people and adults through membership of our Taekwon-do schools with regional events held at national and local level. The Republic of Ireland Taekwon-do Association (R.I.T.A) is committed to safeguarding children and young people. The Republic of Ireland Taekwon-do Association (R.I.T.A) schools work under the guidance and policies of our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

All R.I.T.A instructors and volunteers working with children throughout the association, seek to create a safe environment for children and young people to participate in Taekwon-do a Korean martial art. We have completed a Children's Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment that indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring and developed the required Safe Guarding First Statement, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. A list of potential risks of harm has been identified along with the management of these risks. The Children's Safeguarding First Statement is available from the instructor of each school or from the association on request.

We have the following procedures in place as part of the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-do Association (R.I.T.A) Garda Vetting procedure, Student Code of Ethics, Parents Code of Ethics, Child Protection Policy, Non Discrimination Policy and R.I.T.A Disciplinary Committee

Safeguarding Statement in addition to the Risk Assessment outlined in the Children's Safeguarding First Statement:

- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities.
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to the Statutory Authorities.
- Appointing Children's Officers at School level who are the point of contact in respect of Safeguarding for the relevant school. Name and contact details the Designated Liaison Person is available.
- Christy Higgins is the R.I.T.A National Children's Officer.
- We recognise 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 while availing of our services.
- Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legislature requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015 and as required by our association.
- The relevant procedures and documents will be available on request to all members, their families, volunteers and officials.
- All policies can be viewed on www.rita-itf.org