



Children on the road

You should aim to have children accompanied by their parents when touring. Unaccompanied children will need to be assigned to someone with explicit permission to assume parental responsibility for a child by his or her parents or legal guardian. Parental Consent and Medical Information Forms should be circulated and received if children are to be unaccompanied.

If you do decide to take unaccompanied children with you, ensure the completed parental consent and medical information form includes contact details of parents/guardians, emergency contact details, information on medical or health issues and declarations regarding first aid and medical treatment and insurance cover. In some circumstances you may need to seek clarification regarding a medical condition as it might have an impact on an individual's or third parties insurance cover.

It is also worth taking some supplies or a travel kit for the coach, such as 'baby wipes', sick bags, kitchen roll and bags for rubbish.

The Arts Council has produced a free booklet in conjunction with the NSPCC called 'Keeping Arts Safe'. This booklet provides useful information for artists and arts organisations about safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and it can be downloaded free of charge.

If members of your group are in contact with children or vulnerable adults either as paid employees or volunteers you may need to consider running checks with the Criminal Records Bureau. Smaller organisations will normally obtain CRB checks via a locally based CRB registered Umbrella Body.

"Keeping Arts Safe" can be downloaded free of charge from:
www.artscouncil.org.uk/publications/publication_detail.php?rid=0&sid=&browse=recent&id=489

Further details on the Criminal Records Bureau can be found at:
www.crb.gov.uk