

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

All officers of the Gauge O Guild must ensure that vulnerable persons who are engaged in Guild activities (regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity), can be protected from harm.

Safeguarding: Is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of vulnerable people to protect them from harm and it protects the Guild Officers and others from allegations.

Vulnerable adults are those who may have a physical or mental disability which may lead to them being unable to ensure their own safety. This may lead to them being unaware of safety hazards or getting lost in or around a Guild event venue.

Key actions when vulnerable people are engaged in Guild activities:

1. Ensure children and other people who are vulnerable are accompanied / supervised by a carer. The carer will be responsible for determining if that supervision is direct or distant but they should be at the same location as their charge
2. The behaviour of the vulnerable person, and actions on their part, should be in keeping with the role that the Guild has engaged them in
3. They should not be present during build up or breakdown of exhibits / trade stands at events
4. They should not be engaged in car parking activities or near loading and unloading areas

They should not be exposed to any potential risk within the role that they have been engaged in

Relevant Guild Officers / key personnel will know what activities the vulnerable person has been engaged in and the parameters of that role.

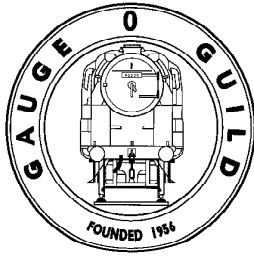
It is feasible that a carer can nominate A.N. Other as the guardian whilst the child or young person is engaged in Guild activities but the Guild would need this 'delegation' and it's 'acceptance' confirmed.

Where possible a designated 'Safeguarding Officer' should be appointed for each major Guild event. This may be the show manager or other person appointed by them.

Related document: Safeguarding Children and Young People

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Consent form for young or vulnerable persons working at events:

I, parent or guardian of

Consent to, being an officer of the Gauge O Guild Limited

Acting in loco parentis for the duration of (event or meeting name)

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Date..... Hours from.....to.....

Signature.....Date.....

Contact details of parent or guardian

I,..... being an officer of the Gauge O Guild Limited

Agree to act in loco parentis for the duration of the above event.

Signature.....Date.....

Policy and form approved by Guild Council 22nd June 2019