



## Boylan's Buses Child Safeguarding Statement

**Boylan's Buses** provides school transport services for children, ensuring safe travel to and from school. Our primary responsibility is to protect the children in our care while on our buses.

### Commitment to Safeguarding

At **Boylan's Buses**, the safety and well-being of children is of paramount importance to us. We are committed to safeguarding children by providing a safe environment and maintaining the highest standards of care. We adhere to the **Children First Act 2015**, the **Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)**, and **Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedures and Practice**.

**Boylan's Buses** provides daily school transport for children, including those with additional needs. We have a zero-tolerance policy for harm, bullying, or discrimination, ensuring that every child feels safe on our buses. Our staff, drivers, and contractors are trained to identify and address risks and are required to act in the best interests of children at all times.

Our goal is to provide a safe and secure transportation service that protects children from any form of harm, including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, while they are in our care. We are committed to preventing any incidents of neglect, ill-treatment, or exposure to harm during their journey with us.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Boylan's Buses is:

Eric Boylan

Managing Director

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The Designated Liaison Person is responsible for:

- Acting as the primary contact point for any child safeguarding concerns raised by staff, parents, or authorities.
- Providing guidance on child protection issues and ensuring all concerns are addressed appropriately.
- Reporting child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla or relevant authorities as required by the *Children First Act 2015*.
- Supporting staff in understanding and fulfilling their safeguarding obligations.
- Overseeing the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and reviewing it regularly to ensure ongoing compliance.



### Risk Assessment:

We have conducted an assessment of potential risks related to our school transport services. Below are the key risks identified and the procedures we have put in place to manage these risks:

Potential Risks	Safeguarding Measures
Risk of a child being left unattended or at risk while at the bus stop or on the bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff receive training on supervising children at pick-up and drop-off points.</li><li>• Bus conductors and drivers ensure children are safely boarded and alighted.</li></ul>
Risk of child disclosure regarding abuse or harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All staff are trained on recognizing and reporting concerns about child protection or welfare issues.</li><li>• A Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is available for staff to report concerns.</li></ul>
Risk of harm or assault by a staff member or another passenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All drivers and staff are Garda Vetted and receive training on child safeguarding procedures.</li></ul>
Risk of harm from sharing personal information or contact details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All personal data is securely stored in compliance with GDPR regulations.</li><li>• Parent/guardian contact details are kept confidential and stored securely.</li></ul>
Risk of harm due to inappropriate conduct by a passenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Code of Conduct is in place for passengers to ensure safe behaviour on the buses.</li><li>• Staff are trained to address and report inappropriate behaviour.</li></ul>
Risk of bullying or harassment, including racism, between children on the bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zero-tolerance policy for bullying and racism, communicated to staff and passengers.</li><li>• Drivers trained to identify and address incidents of bullying or discrimination.</li></ul>
Risk of staff or passengers displaying discriminatory behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff complete mandatory training on diversity, inclusion, and safeguarding.</li><li>• A confidential system for reporting incidents involving discriminatory behaviour.</li></ul>



## Safeguarding Procedures

The following procedures are in place to ensure the safety of children using Boylan's Buses:

- **Recruitment and Selection Procedures:** All drivers and staff are subject to a thorough recruitment process, including Garda Vetting and background checks.
- **Code of Conduct:** A Code of Conduct for drivers and staff is implemented to ensure respectful and safe interactions with children. Staff are expected to maintain a professional and responsible manner at all times.
- **Children First Certification:** All staff and personnel at Boylan's Buses have completed the **Children First E-Learning Programme**, a mandatory training course that equips staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to recognize and respond appropriately to child protection concerns.
- **Safeguarding Training:** In addition to the Children First certification, all staff receive regular safeguarding training to ensure they understand how to respond to disclosures of abuse, how to report concerns, and how to maintain a safe environment for children.
- **Reporting Procedures:** Any safeguarding concerns will be reported to the Designated Liaison Person (DLP), who will ensure proper handling in line with national child protection standards.
- **Data Protection:** Boylan's Buses understands the importance of safeguarding personal data. We store all personal information related to children and their guardians securely, ensuring compliance with **GDPR regulations**. Only authorized staff have access to this data, and it is never shared with unauthorized parties.

Boylan's Buses is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and all related procedures. This statement will be reviewed every two years or sooner if there is a material change in any matter referenced herein.

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been approved and signed by the Designated Liaison Person (DLP), Eric Boylan, as confirmation of Boylan's Buses' commitment to the safety and welfare of children using its services.

Signed by



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Eric Boylan  
Managing Director & Designated Liaison Person