

DEVINE DRAMA & DANCE

SAFETY IN DANCE POLICY & PROCEDURES

Purpose:

At Devine Drama & Dance, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and families. Our Safety in Dance Policy follows the principles of Ausdance's Safe Dance Practice guidelines to ensure the wellbeing of every participant in our programs.

1. Safe Environment

- All studios are kept clean, well-lit, ventilated, and free from hazards.
- Floors are suitable for dance – sprung or cushioned to reduce impact and injury.
- Equipment (mats, props, costumes) is stored safely and checked regularly.
- Fire exits and first aid kits are clearly marked and accessible.

2. Safe Bodies

- Warm-ups and cool-downs are part of every class.
- Students are encouraged to dance within their ability and build skills safely over time.
- Adequate hydration and rest breaks are provided.
- Teachers promote correct technique and alignment to prevent injuries.

3. Safe Teaching

- All instructors are qualified, experienced, and hold current Working With Children Checks.
- Teachers adapt choreography and movement for students of varying ages, levels, and physical needs.
- Respectful language and positive teaching methods are always used.
- No student is asked to perform a movement that causes pain or discomfort.

4. Safe Culture

- Everyone is treated with kindness and respect.
- Bullying, discrimination, or inappropriate behaviour is not tolerated.
- Open communication is encouraged between students, parents, and staff.
- Concerns or injuries are reported immediately to the teacher or studio management.

5. Emergency Procedures

- First aid assistance is available during all classes and events.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted promptly if a student is injured or unwell.
- All staff are familiar with evacuation routes and emergency procedures

