



## SIN Cru Device Safety Policy

**Purpose** This policy outlines SIN Cru's approach to ensuring the safe and responsible use of devices (including but not limited to smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers) in line with the Online Safety Act 2023. It aims to protect all users, especially young people, from harm while supporting the positive use of technology in Hip Hop arts and Culture.

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**Scope** This policy applies to:

1. All SIN Cru employees, volunteers, and contractors.
  2. Participants and attendees at SIN Cru programs, events, and activities.
  3. Any device owned, leased, or provided by SIN Cru or used within SIN Cru activities.
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### 1. General Principles

1.1. SIN Cru is committed to:

- Promoting the safe and positive use of digital technology in Hip Hop arts.
- Preventing exposure to harmful content or activities online.
- Encouraging responsible digital citizenship.

1.2. This policy aligns with the Online Safety Act 2023, emphasizing the duty of care to protect users from online harm, including cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content, and exploitation.

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### 2. Device Use Guidelines

2.1. Devices provided by SIN Cru:

- Must be used for organisational purposes, such as workshops, performances, and communications.
- Must have approved security software and settings installed.
- May be monitored to ensure compliance with this policy.



## 2.2. Personal devices used in SIN Cru activities:

- Must not be used to access or share harmful, explicit, or illegal content.
- Should be used in ways that respect the safety and privacy of others.
- Must not disrupt workshops, performances, or other activities.

## 2.3. Devices used by youth participants:

- Are encouraged to support learning and creativity in Hip Hop arts.
  - Should be supervised by parents/guardians or SIN Cru staff when used during activities.
  - Must not be used to share personal information, images, or videos without consent.
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## 3. Online Safety Measures

### 3.1. Filters and Monitoring:

- SIN Cru will ensure that devices and internet access provided by the organisation are equipped with content filters to block inappropriate material.
- Usage may be monitored to protect participants from online risks.

### 3.2. Reporting Concerns:

- Any harmful or inappropriate content encountered during SIN Cru activities must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Officer James Fogerty immediately.
- Concerns about cyberbullying or online exploitation should be addressed promptly.

### 3.3. Training and Awareness:

- SIN Cru will provide regular training for staff, volunteers, and participants on online safety and responsible device use.
  - Resources will be shared with parents and guardians to support safe digital practices at home.
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## 4. Safeguarding and Data Protection

### 4.1. SIN Cru will:

- Adhere to GDPR and data protection laws when collecting, storing, and sharing information.
- Ensure personal information and images are only used with explicit consent.

### 4.2. Safeguarding procedures will include:

- Clear protocols for addressing incidents of online harm or misuse.
- Support for individuals affected by online safety issues.



An up to date version of our Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy can be found here:  
<https://sincru.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Child-and-Vulnerable-Adults-Policy.pdf>

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5. Consequences of Policy Violations

5.1. Breaches of this policy by SIN Cru staff, volunteers, or contractors will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or contract.

5.2. Participants who violate this policy may face:

- Warnings or restrictions on device use during activities.
  - Parental/guardian involvement.
  - Potential exclusion from future activities if breaches are severe.
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6. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with the Online Safety Act 2023 and evolving best practices in online safety.

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Contact Information

For questions or concerns about this policy, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Officer at SIN Cru.

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