

Regulations pertaining to Children in the CIT Library (Published January 2019)

CIT works with children from time to time in a number of areas including at its constituent colleges, CIT Cork School of Music ('CSM'), CIT Crawford College of Art & Design ('CCAD') & other areas such as summer study courses and across a range of arts and sports activities.

CIT is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for the children with whom it works and is committed to ensuring their safety and welfare at all times.

CIT recognises that it is good practice to have a child protection policy to help achieve its aims in this regard. Accordingly the Institute produced a Policy based on "[Children First National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children](#)" and "[Our Duty to Care – The Principles of Good Practice for the Protection of Children and Young People](#)"

The safety of children is paramount to Library staff and as a result a number of rules have to be adhered to.

- Children under the age of sixteen must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times in the CIT, NMCI & CCAD Libraries.
- Children will be allowed access to the CSM Library to borrow material and use library photocopiers. However children that wish to use the CSM library for an extended period of time must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Access to certain areas within the library may be off-limits to children under the age of sixteen for health and safety reasons.
- Children cannot use Library PC's or access Wi-Fi.
- Adult supervisors are expected to care for, supervise and ensure that the behaviour of children in the library is appropriate.
- Parents of unsupervised children will have their library privileges withdrawn.

These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of children.

For further information, please see [CIT's Child Protection Policy and Code of Behaviour for Working with Children](#)