

## Parent/Guardian Release for Minor Volunteer

To the Parents or Guardians of a Child Volunteering at Walterdale Playhouse

Thank you for considering Walterdale Playhouse as a place for your child to volunteer.

As a community theatre, we rely on volunteers to fulfill every possible function in the production of a play. We expect a high level of commitment from our volunteers and expect that they conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

However, since we are a volunteer theatre, we do run with limited crew, and do not have the luxury of assigning a volunteer solely to ensure the comfort and care of your child while at the theatre. While the Director of the play will assign one of the crew members to mentor and supervise your child in their duties, it is not reasonable to make them completely responsible.

We are also limited in the amount of space that we have for change rooms and for actor warm-up. This may cause your child to be exposed to situations which you may consider inappropriate.

We cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to inappropriate language on the part of cast members while they are acting, or when they warming up or speaking informally to each other back stage or in the dressing or rehearsal areas.

We cannot guarantee that they will not be exposed to cast members, both male and female, in various states of undress as they prepare for their next scene.

You should also be aware that the backstage of a theatre production is dark, especially in a small space such as Walterdale, and this increases the chance of injury.

For these reasons, Walterdale generally does not accept under-aged volunteers unless they have a parent or guardian working with them. We recommend that if you are uncomfortable with these possibilities, that you do not have your child volunteer.

If you wish to do so, please sign and print your name below to acknowledge that you have read this letter, understand the risks involved, take full responsibility for this choice and hold harmless Walterdale and its members in relation to these risks. You should also be aware that it is your responsibility to provide safe transportation for your child to and from the theatre, and that their involvement in the production is contingent upon their good behaviour and work. The Production Manager or responsible volunteer on site has the right to call you and ask that you remove your child from the theatre immediately if their behavior is inappropriate in any way or puts anyone, including themselves, at risk.

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Name (Print and Sign)

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Child's Name

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Relationship to Child

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Date