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Photographs and video footage are an integral part of Labour Party activity. Locally and nationally the party uses images and video to deliver our political messages, publicise campaigning and highlight the excellent work done by Labour Party members across the UK.

We have members aged 14 -18 years old and they and other children may have their photo taken during Labour Party activities. It's important that children feel comfortable with images of them being taken and/or used as part of party activity. Some children or their families may not want images shared or posted online.

Be aware that images can be misused and children may become vulnerable to grooming if a photo or video is shared alongside information that makes them identifiable.

We can reduce the chance of this happening by taking some simple steps.

- 1. Always ask for permission before taking photos of children (or individuals who may be under 18). Make sure you complete a photography and video permission form (available from the Safeguarding Resource Hub)**
- 2. If a child is under sixteen also obtain consent from their parent or guardian.**
- 3. Explain clearly to children and their parents how images will be stored and who will have access to them.**
- 4. Never post images online without the permission of the child (and their parent if they're under 16).**

Think very carefully before sharing images of children on social media. Consider how widely the images may be shared, how long they may remain available and how this may affect a child's long term wellbeing. Each image becomes a part of a child's public image and may affect them in later life.

Remember that photos and videos posted online may appear in internet search results and may become the property of an online platform once they've been posted.

If you have any questions contact the Safeguarding Unit on 0207 783 1134 or by emailing [safeguarding@labour.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@labour.org.uk)