**Children & Young Persons Act 1963**

Under Children & Young Persons Act 1963 and The Children (Performances and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014 you are required to obtain performance licences for all statutory school age children.

**Standard Licenses** are required for performances which run on specific days with a specific production company. A licence is required if a performance meets the following criteria:

* it takes place on licensed premises
* is broadcast, filmed or recorded for public exhibition
* a charge is made (even if there is no admission charge).

A licence is also required if the child:

* performs for 4 or more days in 6 month period
* is being paid
* requires time off from school

**It is illegal for the child to perform without a licence**

Details and application forms can be found at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cee](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cee)  .Please email completed applications to cee-admin@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

 **Unlicensed Authorisation** – if the children have not performed on more than 3 days in the past 6 months, are not having any time out of school and are not being paid, or any other person being paid for your performance the production just need to obtain an authorisation (letter or email) rather than a licence from the local authority where the child lives. Please notify us at least 21 days in advance of the 1st performance, in order for us to issue the exemption certificate.

Please note that any performance containing statutory school age children may be subject to an unannounced local authority inspection.

For information or advice please call 01604 364725 or email cee-admin@northamptonshire.gov.uk