

Child Protection Policy

Every child matters. The Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences has zero tolerance policy against all forms of child abuse, namely any misconduct, malpractice, or harm generated as the cause of poor research protocol design. We aim to achieve child protection through compliance with The Fundamental Law¹ and child protection laws of Hungary and the Science Ethics Code of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences² and by adhering to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) 1989³ and the General Data Protection Regulation⁴. If any concern arises the Institute informs the relevant agencies and authorities.

The Institute creates its child protection policy in accordance with the guidelines of the *Child Safeguarding Standards and how to implement them*⁵. The general principles and good practices regarding the use of media apply to the Institute's conduct:

General principles

- All children have equal rights to protection from harm.
- Everybody has a responsibility to support the protection of children.
- Organisations have a duty of care to children with whom they work, are in contact with, or who are affected by their work and operations.
- If organisations work with partners they have a responsibility to help partners meet the minimum requirements on protection.
- All actions on child safeguarding are taken in the best interests of the child, which are paramount.

Good practice when using media:

Images of children must not show them in states of undress or in inappropriate poses.

- Details attached to images and included in stories must not allow that child to be traced to his or her home or community.
- Distinctive buildings, street signs or landmarks should not be included in an image if they identify where a child lives.
- Geotagging of images should be disabled when taking photographs.
- Ensure the photographer/journalist/translator you have employed has been properly vetted and reference checked.
- Make sure you have been given permission by children and their parents/carers to take their image and use their information.

¹ The Fundamental Law of Hungary

https://www.kormany.hu/download/a/68/11000/The_Fundamental_Law_of_Hungary_01072016.pdf

² Science Ethics Code of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences <https://mta.hu/english/statutes-105952>

³ UNCRC <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>

⁴ GDPR <https://gdpr.eu/tag/gdpr/>

⁵ European Commission's Child Safeguarding Standards and how to implement them https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/standards_child_protection_kcsc_en_1.pdf

The Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is committed to:

- ethical research
- ensuring necessary checks of all prospective employees
- training its employees and providing a common understanding of child protection issues
- providing supervision and support for employees
- informing the relevant agencies and authorities if any concern arises
- will provide adequate and appropriate resources to implement this policy and will ensure it is communicated and understood.⁶

The Research Institute for Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will review this global policy statement annually to reflect new legal and regulatory developments and ensure good practice.

This global policy statement was approved by the director Dr. Gábor Prószéky, in June 2019 and is due for review in May 2020.

⁶ British Council Child Protection Policy <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/how-we-work/policies/child-protection>