

Irish Pipe Band Association

Who needs to be Garda Vetted ?

1. Any person in the Irish Pipe Band Association who is involved in instructing children (Defined as persons under the age of 18 years) or vulnerable persons (see definition below) in piping , drumming, musical theory , drum majoring, etc.
2. Parents or helpers who are **specifically designated by the band** as child supervisors on a trip abroad , a weekend away, etc. might be vetted. If in doubt , contact the IPBA.

Who doesn't need to be Garda Vetted

1. Ordinary playing members of your band (who do not have responsibility for instruction) , committee members, band helpers, band treasurer, subscription or savings scheme collectors, etc. (unless they are engaged in instruction or supervision of young people or vulnerable persons.)
2. Parents and other people who help out on an occasional basis.
3. Hall caretakers, parents visiting the band hall, other personnel who do not have responsibility for child instruction, piping or drumming adjudicators, seminar givers, etc.

A **vulnerable person** is defined as : A person, other than a child, who is suffering from a disorder of the mind, whether as a result of mental illness or dementia, has an intellectual disability, is suffering from a physical impairment, whether as a result of injury, illness or age, or has a physical disability, which is of such a nature or degree as to restrict the capacity of the person to guard himself or herself against harm by another person, or that results in the person requiring assistance with the activities of daily living including dressing, eating, walking, washing and bathing.

What are the penalties for not complying with the Act?

A fine not exceeding €10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or both.