

Dignity and Respect Policy for Visitors at Deaf Village Ireland

At Deaf Village Ireland, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all visitors. We believe in promoting dignity, respect, and equal treatment for everyone, regardless of their communication needs. This policy aims to establish guidelines for visitors entering Deaf Village Ireland to ensure the protection of individuals, as well as the promotion of Irish Sign Language (ISL) and English as the primary means of communication.

Dignity and Respect:

- a. All visitors are expected to treat others with dignity and respect, regardless of their communication abilities, culture, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or any other characteristic.
- b. Visitors should refrain from engaging in any form of discrimination, harassment, or abusive behavior towards staff, other visitors, or members of the Deaf community.

Communication:

- a. Visitors are encouraged to utilize ISL and/or English to communicate with Deaf individuals. The use of ISL promotes inclusion and ensures effective communication.
- b. Visitors should respect the use of ISL as the primary language within Deaf Village Ireland and make efforts to communicate in a manner that is accessible and respectful to Deaf individuals.

Abuse Prevention:

- a. Visitors must not engage in any form of physical, verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse towards any individual at Deaf Village Ireland.
- b. Any instances of abuse or suspected abuse should be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities or Deaf Village Ireland staff.

Accessibility:

- a. Visitors are expected to respect and adhere to all accessibility features and accommodations available at Deaf Village Ireland, such as visual alarms and the assistive ISL technology devices.
- b. Visitors should notify Deaf Village Ireland in advance if they require any specific tours to ensure their visit is accessible and enjoyable.

Compliance:

- a. All visitors are required to comply with this Dignity and Respect Policy and any other applicable policies or regulations at Deaf Village Ireland.
- b. Failure to comply with this policy may result in appropriate action, including but not limited to, being asked to leave the premises.

Deaf Village Ireland is committed to upholding this Dignity and Respect Policy to create an environment where everyone feels valued, safe, and respected. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all visitors.