



Contract **BULLETIN**

Background Checks Young Performers

TV/THEATRICAL/STREAMING

Background Checks are now required for those working with Young Performers

SAG-AFTRA's most recent TV/Theatrical/Streaming contract requires background checks for any **“teacher or welfare worker (or other individual assigned to perform the same duties as a welfare worker, such as a child labor coordinator) who is engaged by the Producer to supervise or teach minors employed under the Agreement.”** section 18.B.5 of 2023 Theatrical/Television MOA.

Additionally, we have authorized Producers to demand background checks as a condition of employment for any person working in close proximity to one or more minor(s), other than a minor who is that person's child/ward.

SAG-AFTRA gives priority to complaints and concerns involving minors. Please contact the Young Performers Department at (855) 724-2387 or email YoungPerformers@sagaftra.org.

For any on-set safety issues that occur after SAG-AFTRA office hours or on weekends, please call our Safer Set hotline: (844) 723-3773.

The [SAGAFTRASafePlace.org](https://www.sagaftra.org/safepace) reporting tool allows incidents to be reported anonymously, as well as provides therapeutic, legal or law enforcement assistance. There is also a SAG AFTRA Safe Place mobile app available as well.

SAG-AFTRA maintains a constituent committee of young performers, and our organization helps fund through the Industry Advancement Cooperative Fund (IACF) and administer programs like The Entertainment Community Fund's [Looking Ahead Program](#), which educates young performers about life as a child actor.

While it is the employers' responsibility to provide a safe working environment and investigate and act on safety violations, SAG-AFTRA will continue our work to ensure that these obligations are met. The safety of our members is paramount. We work tirelessly through collective bargaining, legislation and training to better ensure that minors on sets are safe and protected.

For additional resources available to Young Performers, please visit [sagaftra.org/YoungPerformers](https://www.sagaftra.org/YoungPerformers)

QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions, please contact the Young Performers Department at (855) 724-2387 or email YoungPerformers@sagaftra.org.