

# Why Hire a Professional Face Painter?

When looking for someone to paint at your next event, party or fundraiser there are a few things you may wish to consider before taking the "cheaper" option. Cheaper is not always better and may not save you much, if anything, in the long-run.

As face painting may impact the health of children attending your event, there are some important factors you may wish to consider. If the quality and type of materials applied to the childrens faces' cause a rash or other injury, you could be held liably responsible. This is something I'm sure you wish to avoid.

# **Beware of Acrylic Paints**

Acrylic paint is labelled as "non-toxic", so some people believe this makes it safe to use on faces. In fact "non-toxic" means it will not cause harm if ingested, it does NOT mean it is "safe to use on skin".

This type of paint can cause SEVERE skin reactions and has NOT been approved for cosmetic-type application. Professional face paints undergo testing to be FDA approved, have anti-bacterial qualities and, unless someone is exceptionally sensitive, they are safe to use on most people.

### <u>Glitter</u>

Do you know the difference between craft and cosmetic glitter?

Craft glitter is large, square cut, and may contain metal flakes. As such it can be harmful for use on skin and around eyes.

Cosmetic glitter is small, round cut (so no sharp edges), is made of polyester, and is the ONLY glitter considered safe for use on skin and near eyes.

# <u>Hygiene</u>

Often, because face painting is so popular and painters need to be fast, hygiene is overlooked. While a face painter is by no means a medical professional, we do look out for runny noses, sore eyes, open wounds, skin conditions etc., so we do not contaminate our products and spread infection. As such, we know how to clean and care for our products so they do not harbour harmful bacteria.

### <u>Speed</u>

A professional will provide you with a fast, efficient service to get through long lines quickly, while still delivering beautiful faces with a "wow" factor.

So, for peace of mind it is in your interests to hire a professional who carries insurance, can deliver beautiful designs quickly and, above all, ensure the littlies are getting SAFE colourful faces.