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Introduction to Club Safety

What is the Churches Mission in relation to the Safety of Kids?



The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to provide a SAFE, SPIRITUAL and ABUSE FREE environment for EVERY child that attends our programs or activities for our organization.

Basic Documentation

- Health Record Form
 - Updated every year
- Registration Form
- Permission Slip
 - For any event/activity that takes the child away from the normal meeting location.



Safety: Supervision

- The grade of supervision will vary according to the ages of those whom you are supervising. Naturally a 10 year old child will require more close supervision than a young adult of 18 years, who should accept responsibility for their own actions; yet supervision should be available in some shape or form.



Principle

Zero Tolerance of Child Abuse

Child abuse will not be tolerated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church; neither knowingly involve themselves, directly or indirectly, with any person that presents a risk for children.

Sharing the responsibility of the Safety of our Kids

To effectively manage the risks our kids face, every conference should require the active support and cooperation of their pastors, every member of the church, leaders and volunteers, should implement the Safety Procedures from the North American Division in all activities.

Project Safe Church

- Restroom stalls
- Restroom door
- Bulletin board
- Fellowship Hall
- Sabbath School Classrooms
- ANYWHERE they can be easily seen to deter and protect.



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MADE **YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE** OR **CONFUSED**?

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SCARED OR **WORRIED** WHEN **YOU'RE AROUND THEM**?

DO YOU HAVE **ANY SECRETS**
THAT **MAKE YOU FEEL BAD** OR **SAD**?

I think something happened to me...

Your
VOICE MATTERS.
We are here to **LISTEN.**

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Recognize. **PROTECT.** ACT.

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¿ALGUNA VEZ **ALGUIEN TE HA TOCADO** DE UNA MANERA
QUE TE HIZO **SENTIR INCÓMODO O CONFUNDIDO**?

¿HAY **ALGUIEN QUE TE HACE SENTIR ASUSTADO O**
PREOCUPADO CUANDO ESTÁS **CERCA DE ESA PERSONA**?

¿TIENES **ALGÚN SECRETO**
QUE TE **HAGA SENTIR MAL O TRISTE**?

Creo que me pasó algo...

Tu
VOZ IMPORTA.
Estamos aquí para
ESCUCHARTE.

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abuso

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Reconoce
PROTEGE.
ACTÚA.

SEÑALES DE COMPORTAMIENTO DE
UN POSIBLE ABUSADOR:

INTERÉS **EXCESIVO EN LOS NIÑOS, CRUCE DE LÍMITES,**
FAVORITISMO, SECRETISMO, DESEO DE AISLAMIENTO,
CONDUCTA DE MANIPULACIÓN Y PREPARACIÓN (GROOMING),
CONTROL Y MANIPULACIÓN, FALTA DE RESPETO POR LA PRIVACIDAD,
CONSUMO DE PORNOGRAFÍA O CONTENIDO SEXUAL,
CAMBIOS REPENTINOS EN EL COMPORTAMIENTO.

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¡NO PUEDES ESCONDERTE AQUÍ!
¡TE ESTAMOS BUSCANDO!
NOS MANTENEMOS UNIDOS
PARA PROTEGER.

ESTA IGLESIA ES UN ESPACIO **SEGURO Y PROTECTOR**
DONDE EL **ABUSO NO SERÁ TOLERADO.**
RECUERDA, EN LA **MAYORÍA DE LOS CASOS,**
EL **ABUSADOR ES UN MIEMBRO DE LA FAMILIA**
O UN **AMIGO CERCANO.***

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SEND YOUR
Project Safe Church
IDEAS TO:

mfancher@GSCSDA.org

Or

erodriguez@gscsda.org

Guidelines on Appropriate Discipline



- Any discipline administered shall occur within visual contact of another adult. Any form of physical punishment of children is not permissible under any circumstances.
- Verbal abuse of children or telling jokes of a sexual nature in the presence of children is unacceptable.



Responding to child's report of abuse



- Remain calm [or the child may decide not to disclose information]
- Allow the child to talk without applying pressure
- Assure the child that reporting the abuse was the right thing to do
- **Believe the child** – neither the abuse nor the aftermath is their fault
- Do not, under any circumstance, attempt to verify the child's story or to disprove it
- Don't investigate the matter, confront the perpetrator, or try to determine guilt
- **Report the abuse to Child Protective Services**
- For the child's sake, do not discuss the matter with anyone but the authorities
- If it is confirmed that the abuse has occurred, don't hesitate to prosecute the perpetrator
- Don't explain or excuse the abuser's behavior to the child
- Help the parents of an abused child find a trusted confidant



Insurance

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We know that the well being of our young people is a motivational priority for all those who work in leadership. Their physical well-being is also of great importance.

Every leader or counselor, at any level in the organization must accept the moral obligation to protect those under their care from any physical injury.

Insurance: Types of Activities



High risk activities such as trampolines, should be avoided and consideration should be given:

- a) If the activity is appropriate for the age group that will be participating
- b) The ability and experience of the supervisors.

Ex. Gymnastics program should be supervised by people who have the qualifications.

Medical Care



Pay close attention to the Health Record forms. There are three fairly common major medical issues that arise with alarming frequency with club members and/or staff:

1. Allergic Reactions
2. Asthma
3. Diabetes



The Division/Conference can make arrangements to obtain liability insurance to protect the leaders and counselors, whether they are paid or volunteers – but this provision should not result in the slack of our duties in caring for our children and teens. No level of insurance coverage can satisfy or compensate the death or injury of a member of your club.

Accidents will occur; injuries will be obtained, but do not let them occur because of negligence in permitting the use of dangerous meeting spaces, damaged equipment, or not providing proper supervision/trained instructors.

You have accepted the roll of leadership or counselor because you are interested in the spiritual development of the children in your church. Their physical development is also equally important.



Questions to begin a Program/Activity



- The proposed activity is:
 - Essential? Desirable? Practical Value?
- If essential or desirable, is it:
 - Low Risk? Reasonable Risk? High Risk?
- Is adequate supervision available:
 - Enough for the group size? Are they skilled/trained?
- Do you have the necessary equipment:
 - Does it work? Is it damaged in a certain area?
 - Is it safe? Is it available?



EXCITING NEWS

15 Passenger Vehicles



2013 and Newer 15 passenger vans ALLOWED

What CHURCHES Should Consider . . .



Drivers and
Records

Driving Safety
Concerns

Renting VS
Owning
Vehicles

Required
Insurance for
VEHICLES

Required
Insurance for
DRIVERS

Auto Insurance

Every vehicle that transports club members should carry the following minimum coverage.



\$250,000.00/500,000.00 Bodily Injury Liability

\$5,000 Medical (payments)

\$50,000.00 Property Damage

\$100,000.00/300,000.00 Uninsured Motorists

\$500 Comprehensive (Deductible)

\$250 Collision (Deductible)

*****\$1,000,000.00 Liability or Umbrella (Optional)**

Off-Church Property Trips



- Every trip should have a plan on the care/supervision of club members; safety issue, an incident or an emergency that was not expected.
- Follow the Checklist provided by Risk Management for all trips that will be away from the Church facility or meeting location.

Link: www.adventistrisk.org/solutions

(Trip/Offsite Activity Plan/Checklist)

Miscellaneous Accident Policy



- Can be purchased for EVERY AT-RISK event by your club or church treasurer.
- EVERY off-church property event MUST be authorized by the Church Board – as they are responsible to manage all risk.
- IT IS an inexpensive safety net that protects the church & club.

Miscellaneous Accident Policy



- **COVERAGES** are for the dates purchased
- **THE COMPLETE** off-church property event is covered from the time of leaving through your return.
- **IT IS** an additional safety net that protects the driver/club/church.
- **It doesn't** affect the annual church's policy premiums.

