



PATHWAYS

PREVENTION & PROTECTION

CHURCH ASSESSMENT

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- Do you require ongoing sexual abuse awareness training for all staff and volunteers working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults?
- Are you screening staff and volunteers using background checks, references, and personal interviews?
- Do you have written abuse protection policies in place that to which staff and volunteers actively implement?
- Do all staff and volunteers know how to officially report abuse in your county or parish? Do you have a plan in place to respond to allegations?
- Are you aware of resources for trauma survivors and their families that can provide long-term care?

If you answered 'no' to any of the above, see the reverse for five standards of a safe church.

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A close-up, high-angle photograph of a person's eye, looking slightly to the right. The eye is dark and has a reflection on the pupil. The skin around the eye is light-toned. The image is partially obscured by a dark teal circular shape on the left side.

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TRAIN

Provide initial and ongoing training for staff, volunteers, and church members that raises awareness and shares effective actions to help prevent incidents of abuse in the church.

SCREEN

Adopt a careful vetting process for all those working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Screening should include an application, interview, references, social media review, and background checks.

PROTECT

Create and implement policies that protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults from grooming and abuse.

REPORT

Have a written plan in place to communicate with both the church and appropriate government authorities in the event of an abuse allegation.

CARE

Identify and offer resources that will provide victims, survivors and their families with options for on-going care.