

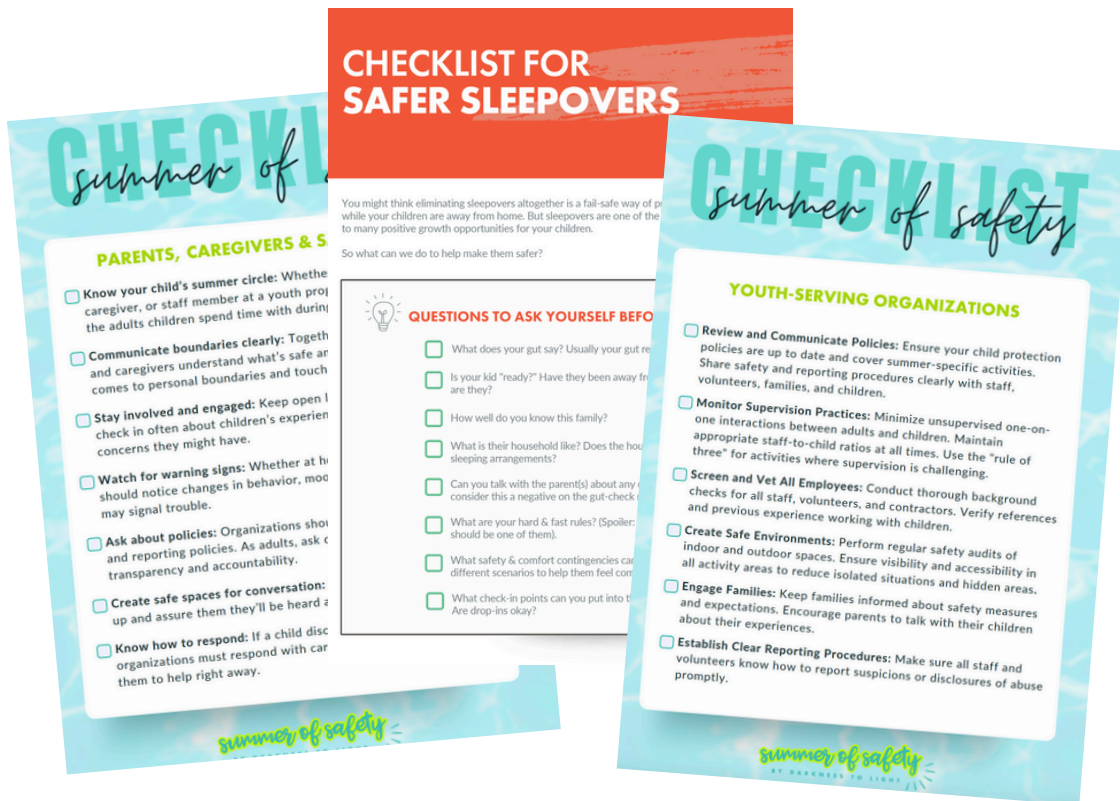
# summer of safety

## RESOURCE GUIDE



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# CHECKLISTS



Our Summer of Safety Checklists are designed to help you protect children in everyday situations—from day camps and vacations to playdates and sleepovers.

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**[DOWNLOAD THE SAFER SLEEPOVERS CHECKLIST](#)**

# HIRING GUIDES



To help keep children safe, we've created simple hiring guides to support you in asking the right questions when choosing caregivers or youth-serving organizations.

**[DOWNLOAD THE CAREGIVER GUIDE](#)**

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# CAMP SAFETY



Before sending your child to camp, make safety a priority with our Summer Camp Safety Checklist and customizable letters. These easy-to-use tools help you ask the right questions, communicate your expectations, and ensure the camp environment is prepared to protect and support every child.

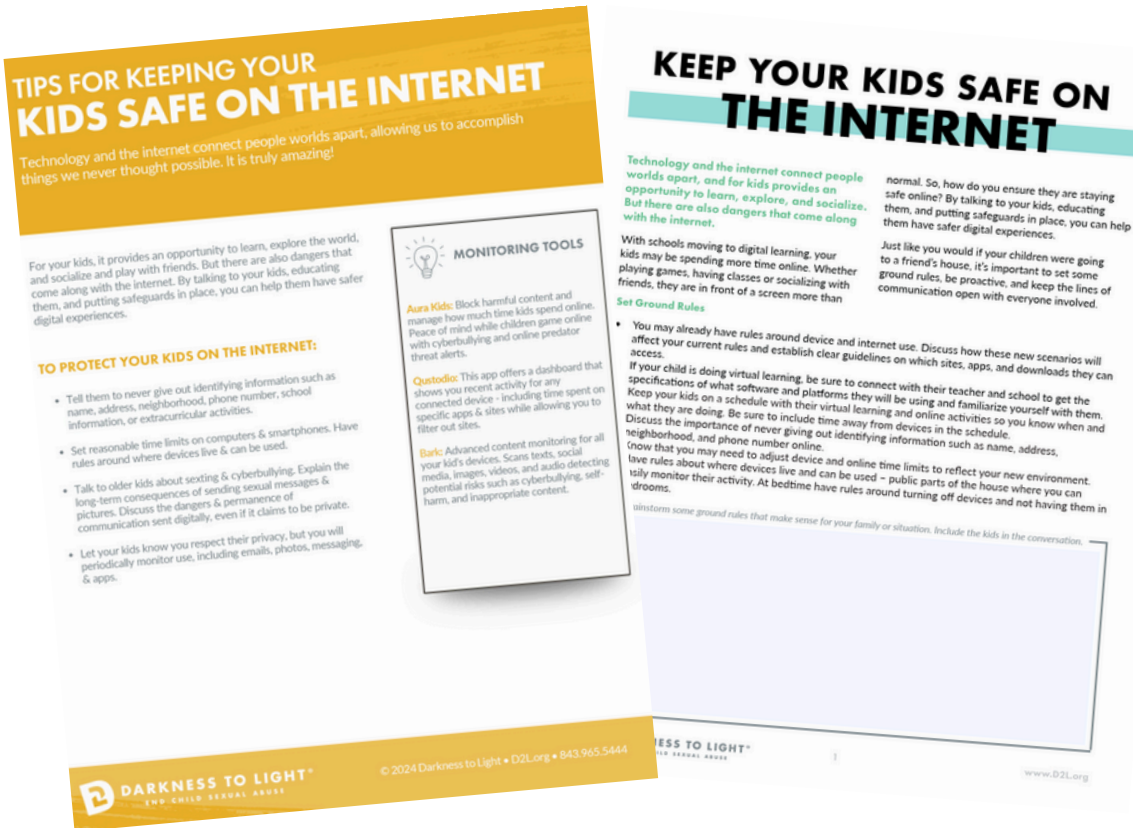
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**DOWNLOAD THE PARENT LETTER**

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# ONLINE SAFETY



Technology and the internet offer kids amazing ways to learn and connect—but also bring risks. Our guide and worksheet help families set boundaries and teach kids to navigate the online world safely.

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# CODES OF CONDUCT

## THE                      FAMILY CODE OF CONDUCT

A family code of conduct is a set of guidelines that reflect the values and expectations of your family.

A pre-determined set of values around bodies and boundaries can go a long way toward protecting your kids from sexual abuse. It can help kids understand what acceptable and unacceptable behavior is, help them make informed decisions, and ultimately avoid dangerous situations. It also helps determine your family culture; you can create whatever kind of culture you want in your family by modeling your ideal values and behaviors such as kindness, honesty and even safety.

This should be a living, breathing document; you'll need to adjust some boundaries or add new guidelines as your family grows. This can also be a team project- ask your kids what they think should be included. Don't be afraid to get specific, either.

**STEP 1. Define your family values and the behaviors that can help you live into them.**

VALUE	BEHAVIOR
i.e. Honesty	i.e. Telling the truth, Not keeping secrets

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[Organization Name]  
Child Abuse Prevention  
SAMPLE CODE OF CONDUCT\*

1. To protect [org name] staff, volunteers and program participants, at no time during a [org name] program may a staff person or volunteer be alone with a single child where the staff or volunteer cannot be observed by others.
2. Staff shall never leave a child unsupervised.
3. Staff and volunteers will make sure a restroom is not occupied before allowing children to use the facilities. Staff will stand in the doorway while children are using the restroom. If staff or volunteers are assisting younger children, doors to the facility must remain open.
4. Staff and volunteers will conduct and supervise private activities (diapering, putting on bathing suits, showering) in pairs. When this is not feasible, staff should be positioned so that they are visible to others.
5. Staff shall not abuse children or use corporal punishment of any kind. This includes physical abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, mental abuse or neglect. Any type of abuse will not be tolerated and is cause for immediate dismissal.
6. Staff and volunteers will respect children's rights to not be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable. A child's right to say "No" is to be encouraged and respected. Other than diapering, children are not to be touched in areas of their bodies that would be covered by a bathing suit.
7. Staff and volunteers will use appropriate touch including pats on the back or shoulder, side hugs, handshakes and high fives. Staff and volunteers will refrain from full frontal hugging, touching of personal areas, or patting of the buttocks.
8. Staff and volunteers will use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison and criticism.
9. Staff and volunteers will not give gifts or special favors to individual children, or show preferential treatment to a child or group of children to the exclusion of others.
10. Staff and volunteers will not have private interactions through social media, computer or hand held devices with any child in the program.
11. Staff and volunteers will respond to children with respect and consideration and treat all children equally regardless of sex, race, religion, sexual identity, or culture.
12. Staff and volunteers will refrain from intimate displays of affection toward others.
13. Possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during working hours is prohibited.
14. Smoking or use of tobacco in the presence of children or parents during working hours is prohibited.
15. Vulgar, inappropriate jokes, sharing intimate details of one's personal life and any kind of harassment is prohibited.
16. Staff shall not be alone with children they meet in [org name's] programs outside of [org name]. This includes home visits, sleepovers, and inviting children to your home. Any exceptions require a written explanation before the staff member is subject to administrator approval.
17. Staff shall not transport children in their own vehicles.
18. Staff shall not date program participants under the age of 18 years of age.
19. Circumstances should staff release children to anyone other than the authorized parent, guardian, or other authorized by the parent or guardian (written parent authorization on file with [org name]).
20. Staff and volunteers are required to report any suspicion of child abuse to the proper authorities and are required to follow all policies relating to identifying, documenting and reporting child abuse and attend prevention training.

I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in termination.

Signature & Date

Supervisor Signature & Date

Adapted from YMCA of the USA's Child Abuse Prevention Code of Conduct. An organizational code of conduct should be customized to the needs, activities, and culture of your organization.

Codes of Conduct set clear expectations for behavior, boundaries, and communication—whether at home, in schools, or youth-serving organizations.

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