

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PREVENTION CHECKLIST

A SAFER SCHOOL YEAR STARTS WITH PREPARED ADULTS.

Start With Awareness

- ☐ I know the policies and procedures that help protect children in my school, organization, team, faith community, or other youth-serving setting.
- ☐ I understand that preventing child sexual abuse is an adult responsibility.
- ☐ I know that concerning behavior may involve boundary violations, secrecy, favoritism, isolation, or attempts to gain inappropriate access to a child.
- ☐ I know where to find trusted information about recognizing and responding to possible abuse.

Reinforce Healthy Boundaries

- ☐ I encourage children to speak openly about experiences that make them feel uncomfortable, confused, or unsafe.
- ☐ I respect a child's boundaries and do not force affection, physical contact, or interaction.
- ☐ I use clear and age-appropriate language when talking about bodies, privacy, consent, and personal boundaries.
- ☐ I pay attention when an adult or older youth repeatedly ignores a child's boundaries.

Create Safer Environments

- ☐ I look for situations where one adult may be alone or isolated with one child and consider how the environment could be made safer.
- ☐ I support policies that limit one-on-one interactions and increase visibility and accountability.
- ☐ I ask how staff, volunteers, coaches, caregivers, and other adults are screened, trained, and supervised.
- ☐ I consider safety in both in-person and digital environments.

Be Ready to Respond

- ☐ I take children seriously when they share concerns or describe something that made them uncomfortable.
- ☐ I know who to contact if I observe concerning behavior or a possible policy violation.
- ☐ I understand my responsibility to report suspected abuse according to the laws and policies that apply to me.
- ☐ I am prepared to speak up, interrupt a concerning situation, or ask questions when something does not feel right.



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