Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines
Training for Kiwanis club members
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Why this training?

• Child abuse can happen anywhere.
• Kiwanis youth programs have more than 300,000 members.
• Working with youth=trust
Kiwanians should act with the *highest standards* of care.

**Why this training?**
Training objectives

• Understand
• Protect
• Identify
• Respond
Terms and background

• Youth Protection guidelines history

• Abuse
  ▪ Emotional
  ▪ Physical
  ▪ Sexual

• “Troubling behavior”
Education

• Clubs must educate members annually.
• Districts will have forums or workshops at conventions and conferences.
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Chaperone

- 21 years of age or older.
- Approved by school or agency to accompany youth at the event.
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Criminal History background checks

• Kiwanis advisors to an SLP are required to have a background check conducted & verified by Kiwanis International. These checks are valid for 2 years.

• Encouraged for all working or serving with Kiwanis youth
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Overnight stays

• One adult for each 10 youth of the same gender.

• Separate sleeping quarters.
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Transportation

• Rule of three
• Written approval from parent/guardian
• Follow all local law and school policies
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Medication

Only allowed with *written* permission from parent or guardian.
Alcohol/tobacco/marijuana and other substances

All youth events must be alcohol, tobacco and marijuana-free.
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Reporting

You must report if you:

• Observe troubling behavior
• Learn of illegal/unsafe situation

A resource: National Child Abuse Hotline
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Reporting

• Use the “reasonable person standard”.

• If participants or chaperones are not in immediate danger, contact school personnel first.

• Emergency? Call local law enforcement immediately!
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Personal information

• Keep at least 3 years
• Keep it confidential
• When destroying, shred it!
Youth & social media

• Adults should not initiate “friendships” or connections.
• Interactions are public.
• Refrain from excessive “liking” or “retweeting”.

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Behavioral or health issues

• Leave it to the professionals.
• Behavioral vs. personal: use good judgement.
• Help the youth find professional help.
When rules conflict…
Always follow the highest applicable standard.
Best practices

• Background checks: required every 2 years
• Protection: rule of 3
• Reporting: follow the bylaws
• Media: be helpful, but let the authorities take charge.
• Maintain confidentiality
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If your club sponsors an Aktion Club:

• Consult the Aktion Club member guidelines, available online.

• Kiwanis advisors to Aktion Clubs need an approved background check conducted & verified by Kiwanis International.
If your club sponsors a Circle K club:

- Best practices can still apply.
- CKI members fall under the same background check policies as Kiwanians.
- Kiwanis advisors to CKI clubs need an approved background check conducted & verified by Kiwanis International.
Thank you for your attention and participation.