

MinistrySafe, the official abuse prevention system for all churches in Central Texas Conference is very important to all of us. This newsletter will provide you with helpful information for your use.

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How can my church safely utilize teens as volunteers with children?

The Central Texas Conference MinistrySafe policy for ministry with children recommends that the primary leader in ministry with children be at least 18 years old and any main helpers be 5 years older than the oldest child participant. A minimum of two unrelated **adults** are required at all times (see the worker to child ratios in the CTC Ministry Safe Policy for children on page 10). [Click here for CTC Ministry Website page.](#) If a church utilizes teens as volunteers with children in compliance with these guidelines, they should utilize an alternative screening process which includes:

1. Reviewing the church's MinistrySafe policy for Children's Ministry with the teen to ensure a thorough understanding of all the guidelines. The teen and reviewing adult should sign the acknowledgment at the end of the policy.
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2. The teen should complete the Teen Application ([click here for sample teen application](#)) and provide references as indicated on the application. Please note that this form requires a parent signature. The church may desire to share this document with the parent before providing it to the youth in order to explain the process for application and interview to the parent.
3. An approved adult should conduct the reference check in compliance with guidelines for adult reference checks.

Because the video training includes explicit information about sexual abuse, it may not be appropriate for youth under the age of 18 and should not be utilized in their volunteer training without the prior understanding and presence of a parent while viewing the video.

EDITION #2. You are receiving this newsletter because you are listed as a SSA - Safety System Administrator of your church. The purpose of the newsletter is to answer frequently asked questions, provide supplemental information and resources as they become available, and share best practices related to our Central Texas Conference policies and MinistrySafe procedures. Please share this information with your supervisors.

If you are no longer your church's MinistrySafe SSA, please be sure to change the information on your church's dashboard and contact Sheryl Crumrine (sheryl@ctcumc.org) to update our mailing list. The newsletters will be archived on the CTC website (<http://www.ctcumc.org/ministrysafe>). This site also contains a link through which you can submit a topic for consideration to the MinistrySafe Oversight Committee for inclusion in a future newsletter.

We hope this resource will be helpful for you as we move forward into implementing MinistrySafe and to continuing to grow in excellence in our care for children and youth in

the years ahead.

The CTC MinistrySafe Oversight Committee

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