

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM



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Safe Environment Program

- Our Safe Environment Program safeguards children and other vulnerable persons
- Assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment
- Protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings, and appearances of impropriety
- Builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes
- Protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus.



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Why Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

- **As the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, the Knights of Columbus has a responsibility to maintain its own safe environment program across all of the dioceses in which it is active around the world.**
This means that the Knights of Columbus has a duty to ensure compliance with its own safe environment program policies and procedures, including training and background check requirements.
- **The Knights of Columbus maintains the highest standards for the protection of young people across all of its programs and activities within all dioceses in which the Knights of Columbus is active.**
- **The program helps assure families, dioceses and communities that the Knights of Columbus has done everything within its power to safeguard the young people served through its programs and activities.**
- **The program helps protect the good name and reputation of the Knights of Columbus.**



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Training and Background Check Requirements

| ROLES | TRAINING | BACKGROUND CHECK | ARMATUS ADMINISTRATION |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|
| State Council | | | |
| State Deputy | ✓ | | ✓ |
| State Advocate | ✓ | | ✓ |
| State Program Director | ✓ | | ✓ |
| State Youth Director | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| State Family Director | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| State Community Director | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| State Squire Chairman | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Subordinate Council | | | |
| Grand Knight | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Faithful Navigator | ✓ | | |
| Program Director | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Family Director | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Community Director | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Chief Counsellor | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Adult Counsellor | ✓ | ✓ | |



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Officers Online



YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY/SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

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1. Reporting Suspected Abuse within Knights of Columbus Programs
2. Reporting Non-Knights of Columbus Related Sexual Misconduct Involving a Member
3. Overview
4. Knights of Columbus Youth Activity Policy
5. Youth Leader Selection
6. Member Roles Designated For Mandatory Training
7. Local Diocesan Safe Environment Program Requirements
8. Member Compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Policies
9. Best Practices Regarding Council Compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Programs
10. Background Check Documents (Canada and Philippines)
11. Background Check Documents (United States)
12. Armatus® Login Instructions
13. Addressing a Member Who Has Been Removed From a Youth Leader Role
14. Grand Knight: Safe Environment Program Talking Points for Prospective Members
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16. Suspension of Non-Compliant Squire Circles
17. Frequently Asked Questions: Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program
18. Frequently Asked Questions: Member Compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Policies



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Member Information



FOR MEMBERS IN THESE ROLES

State Deputies
State Advocates
State Program Directors
State Youth Directors
State Community Directors
State Family Directors
State Squire Chairmen
Grand Knights
Program Directors
Community Directors
Family Directors
Chief Counselors (Squires)
Counselors (Squires)

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FOR ALL OTHER MEMBERS

Members not listed on the other button, are encouraged to take the training as well by pressing the blue button.

The Registration Code is **kofcsafe**.

Please Note: If a member is later appointed to a role listed on the other button, the member must retake the training in that role.

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Grooming Behavior



Internationally recognized as a leading expert in the field of prevention of child abuse, Dr. Monica Applewhite provides an informative overview of the sophisticated "grooming techniques" used by sexual predators to deceive victims, their families, and their communities. For more about Dr. Applewhite, visit her website at <http://monicaapplewhite.com/>

Safe Environment Program
Handbooks

SUSPECT ABUSE?

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PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

USCCB Secretariat of
Child and Youth Protection



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