



Kiwanis Youth Protection

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Why Youth Protection Matters

Through KYP, Kiwanis serves over 300,000 youth each year,

Globally, 1 in 4 youth will suffer some type of abuse or maltreatment - World Health Organization

- 85% of child abuse victims never report their abuse
- Abuse is usually at the hands of known acquaintances and family members **NOT** strangers
 - More than 90% of abusers are people children know, love and trust



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- Globally US\$7 trillion is lost due to violence against children each year, equivalent to 8% of global GDP- World Health Organization
- Child abuse and maltreatment are now considered a critical public health crisis by the Centers for Disease Control
 - The total lifetime economic burden resulting from new cases of fatal and nonfatal child maltreatment in the United States is approximately \$124 billion.



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- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death in children and adolescents in the US
- Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in 15-29 age group globally
- Risk factors
 - exposure to violence
 - impulsivity
 - aggressive or disruptive behavior
 - access to firearms
 - bullying
 - feelings of hopelessness or helplessness
 - acute loss or rejection



Kiwanis Youth Protection Goals

Protect, educate and engage all Kiwanis members youth and adult.

1. Protect youth members from predators
2. Empower and educate adult members with best practices when working with youth
3. Provide youth with positive skills development tools designed to inspire and engage our future leaders to be their best



Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies in ACTION

Social Media & Communication

- Best practice: connect with an SLP club member through a club page/account and not individual youth member accounts
- Never initiate following, friending, or liking posts and pages of individual students.
- Treat all social posts and interactions as public facing.
- Never post pictures of youth on your personal social media pages.
- Follow the "Rule of 3", always include parents/guardians or another adult (Kiwaniis or Faculty Advisor, District Administrator or District Youth Protection Manager): Avoid 1:1 text messages; Avoid 1:1 emails.



Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies in ACTION

Online Meetings Virtual Code of Conduct

- Unique virtual meeting links/passwords should be used for meetings or conferences with students. Passwords and links should not be shared widely.
- Host/co-host should lock the meeting or use the "waiting room" feature to only add allowed participants once meeting begins.
- Appropriate attire — Appropriate tops and bottoms should be always worn.
- Appropriate language — We want this to be a celebration and welcoming event. Language should not be bullying in nature, vulgar, or name-calling.
- Appropriate conduct — Any conduct of an inappropriate, threatening, or offensive nature should be called out and stopped.
- Appropriate background and noise — Keep background images, distractions, noise to a minimum. Hosts can mute participant.



Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies in ACTION

Transportation

- At least three people in a car
- Students should ride in the back seat/rows
- Approval required from parent/guardian (written approval is best)
- Follow local school/local law policy

Medication

- Possession of prescription and non-prescription medications should only be allowed with written permission from parent or guardian



Finally...

- Kiwanians International Background checks completed by Safe Visitor-Safe Hiring Solutions

Who to contact?

- Youth Protection Hotline 866-607-7233 (SAFE)
- State of Montana Child Abuse or Neglect:
Toll Free 866-820-5437



Thank you!

Questions?