



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS

Youth, Young Adult ^{and} Campus Ministry

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Safe Church Training Requirements

To be certified in “Safe Church, Safe Communities” a variety of mini-courses is required depending on your role at your parish. Most courses are available in English and Spanish.

A Praesidium Academy account is required for online training. To sign-up, send your name, parish, email, and role to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, Michael Funston, at mfunston@episcopal-ks.org.

The online training portal has a variety of courses available that you are free to take if interested or feel it would be helpful to your ministry, but the courses listed below are the only ones required.

Universal Training (60-75 minutes) – required for everyone who needs training

1. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Introduction and Theological Background (15-18 minutes)
2. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Organizational Rules & Policies (15-18 minutes)
3. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Healthy Boundaries (15-18 minutes)
4. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Inclusion (15-18 minutes)

Leader Training (90-120 minutes) -- all clergy, vestry members and other elected/appointed leaders, ministry leaders, and children & youth ministers or volunteers

1. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Abuse & Neglect (15-18 minutes)
2. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Power & Relationships (30-40 minutes)
3. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Bullying (15-18 minutes)
4. Safe Church, Safe Communities: Pastoral Relationships (30-40 minutes)

Note, Leader Training is required for Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Retired Clergy still active in ministry, Postulants, Seminarians, treasurer, wardens, convention delegates, convention deputies, Council of Trustees, Disciplinary Board, Commission on Ministry members, Convocation Board officers, Task Force Leaders, Minister Shepherds, Eucharistic visitors, Stephen ministers, small group leaders, children's choir directors, Sunday School teachers, nursery workers/volunteers, children's church leaders or chaperones, parent helpers, youth who

are volunteers for children's ministry programs, day camp staff/leaders/volunteers, VBS leaders/volunteers, youth choir directors, youth Sunday School teachers, acolyte trainer/leader, camp counselors, small group leaders, counselor-in-training, confirmation leaders/teachers/mentors, youth group volunteers,. This is not an exhaustive list, but it meant to give you an idea of the different positions who must take this important safety training.

Additional training:

1. *If you do overnights with youth: Keeping Your Overnight Camp Safe (30-40 minutes)*

Required Screening:

1. Background check every 5 years to include criminal records check and sexual offender registry check (if person is 18 or older)
 - a. Credit check recommended for check-signers
 - b. DMV driving record check if will be transporting children, youth, or vulnerable adults

If a background check is required for you, you will receive a separate e-mail from Praesidium asking you to complete a form for the background check.

2. Known to congregation for at least 6 months OR 3 reference checks

If you have any questions, please contact Youth Missioner, Karen Schlabach, at 913-708-5927 or kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org. Thank you for doing your part to keep our churches safe for all people!