

Working Together to Provide Your Church With Free Online Abuse Prevention Training

Churches involved in child-serving activities face the terrifying threat that a child may suffer sexual abuse by someone within the church whose mission was to protect that child. A single incident of abuse can destroy a child and a church by causing dramatic legal fees, loss of reputation, and soaring insurance costs. Statistically:

- ◆ 1 in 4 females and 1 in 7 males will be sexually abused by the age of 18.
- ◆ Insurance and case reviews show a 300% increase in child to child sexual abuse.

Abuse Doesn't Have to Happen

The Insurance Board has partnered with Praesidium, the national leader in abuse risk management, to provide **FREE ONLINE ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING** to all UCC, Disciples of Christ, and Presbyterian Church (USA) churches and related entities. Praesidium's online training will help your staff reduce the risk that a child in your care will be sexually abused by an employee, volunteer, or another child.

The Armatus program combines Praesidium's decades of experience in abuse prevention with the accessibility and convenience of the internet to deliver effective, engaging, and economical training to everyone who is part of your church. Learn more about the courses available through the Insurance Board below.

Meet Sam

"Sam molests children. In this course, he divulges how he gets away with it." Teaching points include:

- ◆ The three types of molesters
- ◆ The three things molesters need in order to offend
- ◆ The types of boundaries offenders often violate

It Happened to Me

"Anger. Failing grades. Depression. These are some effects of sexual abuse. In this course, children speak out about how sexual abuse affected them." Teaching points include:

- ◆ The long-term effects of abuse
- ◆ Which children are vulnerable to abuse
- ◆ Why children don't tell about abuse
- ◆ What to do if a child tells you about abuse

Keeping Your Church Safe

"God has entrusted church staff with something precious — His children. In this course, employees and volunteers learn important ways to keep them safe." Teaching points include:

- ◆ Five specific actions to keep children safe
- ◆ The importance of keeping a watchful eye
- ◆ What to do in the case of suspicious situations

Keeping Your Camp Safe

"Camp is a wonderful experience for kids — but not if they are abused by a counselor or peer. In this course, camp employees and volunteers learn how they can keep camp safe." Teaching points include:

- ◆ The abuse risks at camp
- ◆ Six locations where abuse is most likely to happen at a camp
- ◆ How all staff and volunteers can make a difference

**For more information on the IB's FREE abuse prevention services call
Carl Kotheimer at 800.437.8830 or visit www.InsuranceBoard.org
Go to *SafetySolutions™* then *SafeConduct™* Workbench.**

DISCOUNTED BACKGROUND SCREENING SERVICES

Your first line of defense against sexual offenders is to keep them out of your church! Deciding who has access to those you serve is one of the most serious decisions you make. The Insurance Board provides discounted background screening services through Praesidium to help ensure your employees and volunteers haven't been convicted of criminal offenses. Industry best practices recommend that organizations check the backgrounds of any employee or volunteer (including parents) who will work closely with children, teens, and vulnerable adults on a regular basis.



The Insurance Board is pleased to offer the following discounted pricing.

Basic Package - Provides a basic check of one name.

Contains: multi-state criminal background check* • national sex offender registry check

Your cost: IB Participants - \$5 per check; Program Eligible Churches - \$10

Confidence Package - Provides a thorough check of your applicant's background.

Contains: multi-state criminal background check* • national sex offender registry check
social security number trace** • alias search***

Your cost: IB Participants - \$6.25 per check; Program Eligible Churches - \$12.50

Praesidium Package - Best buy for meeting industry standards and ordering comprehensive background checks.

Contains: multi-state criminal background check* • individual county background check
national sex offender registry check • alias search*** • social security number trace**

Your cost: IB Participants - \$12 per check (plus county fees);

Program Eligible Churches \$24 (plus county fees)

Motor Vehicle Checks - Provides a check of one motor vehicle record.

Your cost: IB Participants - \$2.50 per check; Program Eligible Churches - \$5.00 per check



* Praesidium recommends supplemental checks in the following states: CO, DE, LA, MA, SD, VT, WV, WY.

** The social security trace identifies all names and addresses known to be associated with the social security number.

*** The alias search checks every name identified by the social security number trace.

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