

SAFE PROGRAMS

SAFE KIDS

Kids and teens join awesome programs in our community every day! To make sure everyone has a great time, ask the program how they keep kids safe.

Use these questions to find out more.



How do you choose the people who work and volunteer here?

Do you do background checks? Do you do reference checks? Do you do interviews for staff and volunteers?

What are the rules for interacting with kids?

Do you have a Code of Conduct that tells staff and volunteers how to behave with kids?

Can kids be alone with one adult? What about with another kid?

Are there rules about one-on-one time to make sure things are safe?

How is the space set up to keep kids safe?

Is the space where the program happens open and visible to many people?

How will staff and volunteers reach out (text, email, etc.) to my child?

Can I or another adult be the main contact for keeping in touch with my child? If my child is older, can I be included in their text and email chats?

What happens if someone breaks the rules?

Are there steps in place to handle times when rules are not followed?

Who do I talk to if I have concerns?

If something doesn't feel right, who can I speak to? Will I know who to contact with any worries? Does the program have a clear leadership structure?

Do you train staff and volunteers on keeping kids safe?

Do they learn about program policies? Do they learn how they should behave? Do they learn ways to prevent child sexual abuse?

What if something bad happens at the program?

Does everyone know how to respond? Do they know how to report it to program leaders and Child Protective Services?

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**Together we can prevent child sexual abuse.
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