

A Needs Assessment Checklist

Please take a moment and check each statement which is true for your church. Any statement left unchecked indicates a policy area in which your church may be vulnerable to abuse or possible litigation if an incident occurs.

- We currently screen all paid employees (including clergy) and volunteers who work with our youth and children.
- We do a police check on all paid employees and volunteers working with youth and children.
- We train all staff, paid and volunteer, who work with children or youth to understand the nature of child sexual abuse.
- We train all staff to carry out our child safety policies.
- We take our policies on child safety seriously and see that they are enforced.
- Our staff understands the law concerning child abuse reporting obligations.
- We have a clearly defined reporting procedure for a suspected incident of abuse.
- We have a specific response strategy if an allegation of abuse is made at our church.
- We have insurance coverage should a claim occur.
- We are prepared to respond to media inquiries if an incident occurs.

Resource: "Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in Your Church". A complete and practical guide for prevention and risk reduction. Available through Pioneer Clubs Canada, Burlington. 1-800-465-5437

For further information & questions contact a member of your local abuse prevention team or a Member of the Classical Abuse Response Team (CART)

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