

Church To Do List:

- Set up safe church policies for children
- Set up policies for Sexual offenders in the church
- Set up policies to protect leaders
- Set up procedures for when a church member confesses:
 - Child pornography viewing
 - They've been sexually abused
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Safe Policies for Children include:

- 6/2 (volunteers with children active members for 6 months; 2 adults always present)
- Physical contact
- Discipline
- Youth leading kids
- Checking in and out of nursery
- Sleepovers
- Field trips/driving children
- Communication outside ministry functions
- Screening/Training volunteers
- Safe place, published by The Alliance
- Background checks Lifeway.com

What you need to know when a Sex Offender asks to come to church:

- Ask them for probation/parole officer's name and number
- Ask them what they were convicted of and what they actually did (listen for minimizing, cognitive distortions, blaming)
- Ask them if they are currently in treatment or have successfully completed their treatment. Ask for name and number of current or past counselor. Ask them to sign a release with that counselor and for the counselor to contact you.
- Ask if they have a trained chaperone who will be attending church with them
- Ask them for a copy of their safety plan once it has been approved

Protecting Leaders

- Never be alone behind a closed door or secluded place with a student
- Do not transport students
- Limit physical touch to very public areas
- No texting students (email is just as quick- phones- not as private)
- No private emails to students (group emails for practices, cancellations, etc.)
- Don't connect on Social Media with students (after graduation and 18)
- Keep strict lines between personal and professional
- Do not talk about your personal life with students
- Do not invite them to your home, out to lunch, to babysit, etc.