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## Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines

### Training guide and member resource

1. Kiwanians interact with more than 300,000 members of Kiwanis youth programs.
2. Approximately 3 million cases of abuse and neglect—involving almost 5.5 million children—are reported in the U.S. each year.
3. The three types of abuse we are learning about in this training are: Emotional, Physical and Sexual.
4. Troubling behavior includes all forms of abuse, behavior not in accordance with Kiwanis Guidelines, illegal behavior by a youth or adult or any behavior that causes your internal voice to say: Some thing is not right about this.
5. Which Kiwanis members need to be educated about the new Youth Protection Guidelines?
  - a. Club officers
  - b. District officers
  - c. SLP club advisors
  - d. Every Kiwanis member **Correct Answer**
6. At Kiwanis events, a chaperone of youth must be 21 years of age or older.
7. True or False: If I am chosen to be my club's advisor to one of our sponsored SLPs, I need to have a clear criminal history background check. **True**
8. For overnight stays, the minimum suggested ratio of adults to youth is 1 adult male for each 10 youth males and 1 adult female for each 10 youth females.
9. There should be at least 3 people in the car when transporting youth. Ideally, at least 2 should be adults.
10. True or False: An adult may give a youth over-the-counter medication at a Kiwanis event. **False -- Need a written form from parent for prescription and any other medication. Keep form on file at least 3 years!!**



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11. When is it appropriate to use alcohol or tobacco at an event conducted primarily for youth or organized by youth members. NEVER - All youth events must be substance free!
12. When you witness troubling behavior at a Kiwanis event, report it immediately to the National Abuse Hotline. In the case of an emergency, call Law Enforcement Immediately
13. Documents that have personal information about youth participants should be kept a minimum of 3 Years (or longer if state/provincial law mandates) before being destroyed in a way that maintains confidentiality. Shred the information when destroying it.
14. Answer the following true/false items about youth and social media:
  - True/False: An online friendship with a youth (e.g., Facebook friendship and other formal connections) should be initiated by the youth via a social media platform's formal request process. **TRUE**
  - True/False: If you are a Facebook "friend" with a youth, you can assume your interactions are private. **FALSE**
  - True/False: If a youth posts or tweets fun, interesting or notable things, I should "like" and/or retweet them as much as possible. **FALSE**
15. If you are working with a youth who has behavioral or health issues that you are not trained to handle, seek help from Leave it to professionals, school counselors, crisis hotline
16. When determining which policy to follow, always defer to the Highest applicable standards.

## Resources

Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines online: [www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection)

Developing a club policy on background checks: [www.kiwanis.org/backgroundchecks](http://www.kiwanis.org/backgroundchecks)

National Child Abuse Hotline (USA and Canada)

Phone: 1-800-4-A-CHILD/ 1-800-422-4453

Website: [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)