



Preventing Sexual Abuse: MinistrySafe's 5-Part Safety System

I. SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING

- *Foundational piece of an educational model;
 - *Gives employees and volunteers 'eyes to see and ears to hear' molester *grooming behaviors*;
 - *Policies and procedures have limited impact without an explanation of 'why';
 - *Explains safety principles behind policies;
 - *Compliant with current and anticipated state legislation.
- *MinistrySafe provides live and online Sexual Abuse Awareness Training.*

II. SKILLFUL SCREENING

- *Critical component of an effective system;
 - *Use of forms and processes to obtain and recognize high-risk responses from applicants;
 - *Builds on MinistrySafe's Sexual Abuse Awareness Training.
- *MinistrySafe provides state-of-the-industry screening forms and training in their use.*

III. APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

- *Necessary component of an effective safety system, but not a 'stand alone' system (no 'silver bullet');
- *Depth of criminal background check should match degree and nature of access to children;
- *Criminal background checks should be periodically refreshed.

IV. TAILORED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- *"Policies are what you DO – not what you SAY you do";
 - *Policies should be tailored to specific programming – no 'one-size-fits-all' form;
 - *Policies are marginally effective without Sexual Abuse Awareness Training;
 - *Policies go beyond the basics: include bathroom policies, six-month member rule, etc.
- *MinistrySafe provides excellent policy forms for different types of ministry programs.*

V. MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT

- *Ensuring that you DO what you SAY you do;
- *Periodic review of the system: new programming, performance reviews, and accountability;