

Youth Protection for Rotarians

Rotary Youth Exchange Program
and
Youth Activities

Why this is important

- Increase your awareness and understanding
- Comprehend RI policy about abuse and harassment
- Safe guard all youth
- Protect yourself!

Statement of Conduct

◆ Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

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Definitions

- Harassment
- Abuse
 - Physical
 - Sexual
 - Emotional / Verbal
 - Neglect

Discussion Points

- **Student of the Month**
- You have been assigned to pick up the student of the month at school.
- What precautions should you take?
- **Interact Chapter**
- You are the Rotary club liaison to the Interact chapter.
- What precautions should you take?

Discussion Points – RYE

- Case study examples for discussion of RYE situations are found in the RI manual. Contact RYE Chair for these examples.

Rotary Club Best Practices

- Club contact – every Rotary club needs a contact person
 - PETS - PE given form
- Paperwork (handout)- sign and keep
- District contacts
 - RYE
 - Youth Activities
- NEW Changes in background checking

District Contact People

- Rotary Youth Exchange
 - Karen and Bob Stauffer, Oshkosh Southwest Rotary
 - Check District directory for contact information
- Youth Activities
 - Steve Affeldt, West Allis Rotary
 - Check District directory for contact information

Club Compliance

- Commitment
- Do the paperwork!
- Don't assume
- Institute a committee – 3 person recommended
- Volunteer affidavit valid for 3 years
- Annual background check with payment of fee
- Club program – have speaker on topic

Next Steps

- Talk with club leadership
- Institute a committee
- Develop a club plan / policy
- Handout form and discuss with club Rotarians
- Do annual background check
- Keep and maintain a file

What if?

- Club records -- Case examples
- Club best practices
- Resources available
 - District people
 - Tamie Koop, 08-09 DG
 - Karen & Bob Stauffer, RYE Co-chairs
 - Bob Hosch, PDG
 - Steve Affeldt, Youth Protection Committee

It is a matter of Trust...

