

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING COMPLIANCE WITH OUR SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY?

Compliance is the responsibility of everyone in the church as part of our Christian values to protect the young and vulnerable. However, specific individuals are accountable for making sure all the necessary actions are taken to assure the policy is being implemented and is operating properly. Our policy specifically states:

“The administration of this policy shall be the responsibility of the Pastor and Christian Education Coordinator. They will assure that all persons who are supervising and/or interacting with children, youth or vulnerable adults in a Victor United Methodist Church ministry, program or activity comply completely with both the spirit and intent of this policy.”

Compliance includes all of the steps required to prepare, by education and training, those who work with our children, youth and vulnerable adults so that they will be kept safe. In addition to preventing abuse it also involves knowing how to identify and report suspected incidents.

Although you may not be working directly with our children, youth and vulnerable adults, you and all other congregational members do have a responsibility to both support and to assure compliance with the Safe Sanctuary Policy.

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WHERE WILL THE POLICY BE APPLIED

Safe Sanctuary responsibilities are not just for the Sunday School or Children’s Church programs. They are in effect wherever and whenever we have any church event. Some examples are:

1. Any event or activity being conducted in the church buildings at any time.
2. Any event that is offsite such as a youth bowling night, mission trips both local and out of town, attending meetings or workshops as a church group - including seniors activities.
3. Traveling to and from any off-site event.

The absolute answer is that whenever any of our children, youth or vulnerable adults are participating in any church program or event we want to be certain that they are safe.