

CHEF Safety and Privacy Policies

Since our group started, we have not had any significant issues with safety and privacy. We believe this is due to the fact that we take each member/family's safety and privacy VERY seriously. We are very careful about the distribution and publication of member information. We are VERY serious about safety and privacy, and especially about protecting our children.

We are not a "reporting agency". Our information is not provided to any other individual or organization (such as the Department of Education or State/National homeschool organizations).

The information we get from our members is used for the following purposes:

- To give us information for our roster and to be able to e-mail your login and password for our website. Please protect your login and password. If your login and password is compromised, please notify the Web Administrator so that your login and password can be changed.
- To give us the ability to contact you via phone or e-mail.
- To help us create a Directory for our members (Directories are distributed to current CHEFmembers only and can not be used for solicitation or incorporation into any other mailing lists).

CHEF information and communications are for the direct use of CHEF members ONLY. For the protection of our children and families overall, any reproduction, copying, or redistribution of any CHEF information is strictly prohibited, without the prior written consent of CHEF.

Should anyone find CHEF information useful, they need to [become members](#) of CHEF...providing us with the required standard information on our membership form.

To protect our families (and particularly our children):

- We DON'T e-mail specific information about our events unless it is a special reminder announcement. Specific event information is only available to our members - people we can identify. E-mails are too easily forwarded or posted. Therefore, we try to keep detailed information on the website bulletin.
- We DON'T post our activities or other detailed information on the public side of our web site. This would include an online version of our announcements, a calendar of activities with details, etc.. We don't want the possible whereabouts of our children to be public information (for their protection). All of this type of information is in our bulletin - where it is viewed by CHEF members on our website or received via email in special announcements.
- We DON'T release our list of names to other organizations.