

Safe Sanctuaries

Safe Sanctuaries® Team establishes minimum standards and procedures, provides training programs, and assists local churches and conference ministry programs in reducing the risk of abuse to church, youth, and vulnerable adults.

We have updated our curriculum to include a section on Grooming, Elder Abuse, and Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) quiz.

We updated the minimum standards this past year, to require all basic training must be taken again at least every five years. You can view the updated [Minimum Standards here](#).

Goals for the next year:

1. We are working with the communications team to provide an online training option through Portico.
2. We are working on a Trainer/Team retreat for this summer to help connect with each other so we can provide more in-person trainings around the conference.
3. Continue to stay on top of the most up to date changes with safer Sanctuaries and ways to keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe within our ministry contexts.

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