

# Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Video 1

*G-3.0106 “All Councils shall adopt and implement the following policies: a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child and youth protection policy, and an antiracism policy. Each council’s policy shall include requirements for boundary training which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training for its members at least every thirty-six months.*

**Context of this video:** Session brings in someone to train a Session based on the new *Book of Order* requirement that all councils train their members at least every 36 months. This is the first training. Share this handout prior to watching video.

What is boundary training?

Key statistics that caught my attention:

Why is this important?

Signs of abuse or neglect

Consequences

## **Conversation After Video**

What surprised you?

How would you place your current congregation? Where do you think you should be?

- Complacency: Nothing bad will happen here...
- Compliance: Check the Box
- Commitment to a Creating a Culture of Safety

**Hand out current policies and ask members to review and bring back to next meeting.**

## Consequences of Child Abuse for children

- ▶ Improper brain development and impaired cognitive ability
- ▶ 3x more likely to suffer from depression and 4X more likely to contemplate suicide. 40X more likely to have marital problems!
- ▶ Higher risk for heart, lung and liver diseases, obesity, cancer, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol
- ▶ 13X more likely to abuse alcohol and 26X more like to abuse drugs

## Consequences of Child Abuse for congregations

- ▶ Loss of reputation and perception that your church is not a safe place to be
- ▶ Civil lawsuit settlements against congregations for child abuse from June 2018-February 2022
  - ▶ Range of all cases \$35,000-\$55,000,000
  - ▶ Average settlement of all cases \$5,684,948
  - ▶ Ave payout if settled out of court \$2,500,000
  - ▶ Ave payout with jury verdict \$10,300,000
- ▶ 49% the victims aged 13-17 years old
- ▶ 24% the victims aged 6-9 years old
- ▶ 35% the victim was male
- ▶ 65% the victim was female
- ▶ 82% of cases had negligent supervision and security which means an organization failed to supervise facilities, staff and youth and therefore created an environment where abuse was possible.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNVcFpUTjw8>