

Rotary Youth Protection And Your Club

Rotary District 5580

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How Do We Protect Youth?

Our Rotary District

has established Policies, Training Programs and materials to educate our clubs and their members on strategies to protect the youth

we work with and who share our communities.

How Do We Protect Youth?

The D5580 Youth Protection Policy

Available on D5580 Website:

https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050019/en-ca/files/sitepage/youth-protection/d5580-youth-protection-policy_adopted-2014/D5580-Youth-Protection-Policy_AUG2016.pdf

District 5580 Youth Protection Policy & Youth Exchange Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy

PREAMBLE

Rotary International is committed to protecting the safety and wellbeing of Youth and will not tolerate their abuse or harassment. All allegations of abuse or harassment will be taken seriously and must be handled within the following guidelines. **The safety and well-being of Youth should always be the first priority.**

Developing and implementing an effective Youth Protection Policy tangibly demonstrates a district's commitment to protecting Youth participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact and other engagement with Rotary clubs in our District.

District 5580 Youth Protection Policy

1. Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

District 5580 is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and any other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of Youth.

2. Preemption of Policy

This Youth Protection Policy has been adopted to include all programs in which Rotary International District 5580 or its member Clubs may be engaged in

Statement of Conduct



Rotary International District 5580 is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities.

Our Policies

All Rotarians should be exposed to our District Youth Protection Policy and discuss the importance of youth protection



Our Policies

All Clubs need to sign the Club Resolution every year.. New Presidents - get it done in July/August and get them to the District YPO

Resolution Agreeing to Abide by the District Youth Protection Policy

Our Policies

1. Volunteer Certification and Training -

Youth Volunteer Application and Background Check Form

“All volunteers in District 5580 with Significant Interaction with Youth must become Certified Volunteers **and the Club Youth Protection Officer**”



Who Needs to be a Certified Youth Volunteer?

1. District & Club Youth Protection Officers (note: Club President if no other identified)
2. RYLA & Youth Exchange Officers are trained via their orgs and accepted for Certification if applied for.
3. Model UN, Interact, Rotaract, and Speech Contest Volunteers
4. Rotarians and non-member volunteers who host youth for activities or outings or who drive youth to events or functions

Our Policies

Requirements for Certified Volunteers:

- A. Fill out and send the application to District YPO
 - a) Criminal Background Check by our District
- B. Meet D5580 Eligibility Requirements
- C. Agree to comply with D5580 Policies
- D. Complete Youth Protection Training Specified

Our Policies



Our district is committed to ensure that access to confidential information is restricted.

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