

DISTRICT 5810 YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

1. Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth District 5810 strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.
2. Definitions Volunteer — any adult involved with Rotary youth activities who interacts directly with youth, whether supervised or unsupervised. Volunteers include, among others, club and district Youth officers and committee members, Rotarian counselors, Rotarians and non-Rotarians and their spouses and partners who work with students during activities or outings or who transport students to events. Youth program participant — anyone who participates in a Rotary youth program.
3. Incorporation and Liability Insurance the Rotary District 5810 is part of a separate legal entity known as Rotary International District 5810. This entity has been formed under the laws of the state of Texas and is valid at this time. The Rotary District 5810 carries liability insurance with appropriate coverage and policy limits. This policy protects the organization from third-party claims and lawsuits alleging negligence by the organization, its employees, or its volunteers.
4. Club Compliance The district governor (DG) is responsible for supervision and control of all youth activities in the district, including those associated with Rotary Youth Exchange. District 5810 will monitor all participating clubs and ensure that they comply with youth protection and Rotary Youth Exchange certification requirements.

The job of the Rotary Club Youth Protection Officer (YPO) is to: (Note the underline is very important)

- 1.) Distribute all YPO forms to club members (Hard copy, E-mail or on-line)
- 2.) Keep on file a copy of:
 - A.) Event Permissions Slip & Waiver (2 pages) "One page two sided" For ALL under 18 years
 - B.) A list of members with a current Background Check.
- 3.) Send to the District YPO:
 - A. list of members that passed, BC (name, DofB, club, phone number & E-mail address.)
- 4.) Notify ALL club members of the name, E-mail, and phone number of the clubs YPO
- 5.) When available, take the on-line training class, and/or the district YPO training class.
- 6.) File, in writing, any allegation of abuse, harassment or improper behavior by any person with or toward any person under the age of 18 years. **WHEN needed always call 911!!!**

Any NEW information will be sent by E-mail and/or posted on Club Runner

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Adopted by the RI Board of Directors, November 2006

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