



## YOUTH PROTECTION RESOURCES

Thousands of Rotary clubs create opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills, make a difference in their communities, and build peace around the world. Through Interact, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange, and other local programs, a new generation of young people discover the ideals of Service Above Self.

These incredible opportunities also come with significant responsibilities for Rotarians and program leaders. Rotary's youth protection policies help Rotarians manage risks, mitigate their negative impact, and ensure that the safety of youth is our highest priority when implementing programs for children and youth. To assist you as a Rotary club leader, the youth protection policies outline baseline procedures and practices to manage risks related to youth programming, youth travel outside the local community, and any overnight stays.

Review the following resources to apply these policies locally to build safe environments for young people:

- **Rotary's Youth Protection Guide** offers club and district officers an overview of Rotary's youth protection policies and best practices. This guide (formerly Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leaders' Guide) includes sample policies that your district can apply to all programs and activities serving youth. Download the Rotary Youth Protection Guide from the Document Center on My Rotary.
- **Protecting Youth Program Participants** is a voluntary online course, designed for club-level leaders of youth programs that provides an overview of Rotary's key policies on youth protection. Access the course in the "Youth, Students, and Scholars" section of the Learning Center on My Rotary. The course is offered in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian, German, Japanese, and Korean.

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