

Youth & At-Risk Protection POLICY SUMMARY

NOTE: FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF DISTRICT 5450'S YOUTH & AT-RISK PROTECTION POLICY. FOR A COMPLETE AND DETAILED REVIEW, PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE, www.rotary5450.org.

Rotary International's Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth:

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' partners, and other volunteers must safeguard children and young people with whom they come in contact, and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse. (October 2019)

KEY DEFINITIONS* (*See complete list in policy)

AT-RISK INDIVIDUAL: Any person physically, mentally or developmentally impaired or needing supportive care.

FREQUENT AND RECURRING CONTACT: Contact with Protected Individuals (by Rotarian or Non-Rotarian volunteers), at Rotary sponsored programs, that is **SIGNIFICANT, REGULAR, OFTEN AND OCCURS REPEATEDLY**. This contact can be in a group or one-on-one setting and may be supervised or unsupervised.

INFREQUENT AND OCCASIONAL CONTACT: Contact with Protected Individuals (by Rotarian or Non-Rotarian volunteers), at Rotary sponsored programs, that is **INCIDENTAL, IRREGULAR, INTERMITTENT** and does not present the opportunity to establish a pattern. This contact can be in a group or one-on-one setting and may be supervised or unsupervised.

PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS: MINORS less than 18 years of age, **YOUNG ADULTS** between 18 and 21 years of age and **AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS** persons physically, mentally or developmentally impaired needing supportive care.

VOLUNTEERS: Any adult (Rotarian or Non-Rotarian) involved in Rotary programs who interacts directly with Protected Individuals, whether supervised or unsupervised.

YOUTH: MINORS less than 18 years of age; **YOUNG ADULTS** between 18 and 21 years of age.

ALL ROTARIANS RESPONSIBILITY

ENSURING THAT DISTRICT/CLUB PROGRAMS, INVOLVING PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS, ARE PROVIDED IN A SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT.

KEY CLUB PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

(**See complete list in policy)

- Review the District Youth & At-Risk Protection Policy, District Youth and At-Risk program guidelines, the RI Youth Protection Guide and ensure that District/Club programs being implemented meet all policy requirements. (Links are provided to all documents referenced above on the District website, www.rotary5450.org)
- Share and review with ALL volunteers who will be working with Protected Individuals, the Youth & At-Risk Protection Policy (can use this summary) and RI's Youth Protection Guide at a Club meeting before August 31st each new Rotary year. (Note: This is a requirement for ALL volunteers (Rotarian and Non-Rotarian) whether they have INFREQUENT/OCCASIONAL or FREQUENT/RECURRING CONTACT with Protected Individuals.)
- Complete and submit the Club Compliance Form to the District Youth & At-Risk Protection Officers by August 31st of each new Rotary year. (Form is policy Appendix B; a link/pdf also provided on the District website.)
- Identify and require volunteers (Rotarian and Non-Rotarian), who will have FREQUENT AND RECURRING CONTACT with Protected Individuals, to complete a District-approved Background Check and a District-approved, online Youth Protection and Awareness Tutorial/Quiz before having contact. (Note: This is in addition to the requirements above. Links are provided to both on the District website.)

VOLUNTEER (ROTARIAN AND NON-ROTARIAN) RESPONSIBILITIES (INFREQUENT/OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS)

- Review the District Youth & At-Risk Protection Policy (can use this summary) and the RI Youth Protection Guide. (Links are provided to both on the District website.)

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AND YOUNG ROTARY/INTERACT AND ROTARACT.
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