Book Descriptions

(BK7460) SAFE SANCTUARIES: REDUCING RISK OF CHILD ABUSE IN THE CHURCH
Provides guidance for congregations that are committed to providing safe and nurturing ministries for children and youth. Process for developing policies and procedures to reduce the risk of child abuse in church
Age: YAS  80 Pages

(BK7561) WELCOME THE CHILD: A CHILD ADVOCACY GUIDE FOR CHURCHES
An invaluable resource for people of faith desiring to make the world a safer place for children. Use with VHS 9107
Age: YAS  159 Pages

(BK7444) SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR YOUTH REDUCING THE RISK OF ABUSE IN YOUTH MINISTRIES
Founded on information about youth abuse in today's world, this book helps adult workers in youth ministry recognize the need to develop protection policies, suggests a process for developing procedures, and provides tools to implement the policies and procedures.
Highlights include:
- information about recruiting, screening, and hiring workers with youth;
- suggestions for working with volunteers;
- guidelines for developing policies and procedures
- sample forms to help you implement policies
- a training model for workers with youth
- suggestions for congregational response to allegations of abuse
- a bibliography of other valuable resources
96 Pages

(BK7447) SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR YOUTH REDUCING THE RISK OF ABUSE IN YOUTH MINISTRIES WORKSHOP NOTEBOOK
Workbook that was distributed with the 2003 Safe Sanctuaries for Youth Workshop in CPC. Compliments the Safe Sanctuaries for Youth Reducing the Risk of Abuse in Youth Ministries book.
BK8024, BK8025, BK8056

(BK7475) PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: AGES 9-12
This course provides information about sexual abuse and prevention to children between the ages of nine and twelve (Grades 4-6) in the context of a religious education program. The thirteen sessions fit into a typical Sunday morning church school program, but can also be used for summer vacation church school, after school programs, camping programs, and a variety of other children's group events.
The curriculum draws on excellent secular materials while using basic biblical resources. It confronts misinterpretations of biblical passages that have been used to support abusive relationships. Through this program, prevention techniques are taught in an environment of God's caring and a supportive community.
Age: 125 Pages

(BK7467) SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION: A COURSE OF STUDY FOR TEENAGERS
This book explores the issues of violence and sexuality faced by today's teenagers and the role the church should play in response to sexual abuse. This revised and updated edition addresses the experiences of date rape, stranger rape, and incestuous abuse. It also looks at the cultural context in which these experiences occur - with a special emphasis on the media, especially music video television. The curriculum includes six one to one and one-half hour sessions, each carefully designed to facilitate an honest, respectful, Christian response to the sexual abuse of young people.
6 Sessions:
- God's Gift of Sexuality
- The Powerful and the Vulnerable: Sexual Harassment
- The Good, The Bad, and The Confusing
- The Danger Of The Dreamworlds
- This Is Violence, Not Love
- This Is About Love
Age: MH  34 Pages

(BK7465) PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: AGES 5-8
This course provides information about sexual abuse and prevention to children between the ages of five and eight in the context of a religious education program. The ten sessions fit into a typical Sunday morning church school program, but can also be used for summer vacation church school, after school programs, camping programs, and a variety of other children's group events.
The curriculum draws on excellent secular materials while using basic biblical resources. It confronts misinterpretations of biblical passages that have been used to support abusive relationships. Through this program, prevention techniques are taught in an environment of God's caring and a supportive community.
1. God Cares About Children
2. God Created Me
3. Why Bad Things Happen To People
4. God Wants Me to Be Safe
5. God's Gifts of Feelings
6. Good Touch/Bad Touch/Confusing Touch
7. God Gives Us Courage
8. No More Secrets
9. Justice and Forgiveness: Responding To Harm
10. Wrapping Up With A Positive Self-Image
Age: 120 Pages

Brochure Descriptions

(BR4424) SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR YOUTH A POLICY FOR YOUTH EVENTS
Can also be found online at www.cpcumc.org/ministries/youth
Age: A
CD-Rom Descriptions

(CD35) CYBERSAFETY FOR FAMILIES
This training kit provides everything needed for training parents and other concerned adults about ways to keep children and teens safe online. Subjects covered in this kit include safety in the high-tech world of computers, cellphones, video games and social networking sites. The CD includes: "What You Need To Know First", Planning Guides, Teaching Plans with Scheduling Options, Handouts and Slide Presentation.
Age: HVA

DVD Descriptions

(DVD8840) SAFE SANCTUARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
This DVD is a companion to Joy Thornburg Melton's Safe Sanctuaries series of books, on children & youth safety from sexual abuse within the church. This will help Christian clergy and laity assess risk and implement processes to reduce the likelihood of abuse in their congregations.
Segment 1: Why, The tragic reality of sexual abuse; the scriptural basis for our response; recognizing various kinds of abuse; the impact of abuse on victims, abusers, families, friends and congregations and insurance and liability issues.
Segment 2: How? Evaluating the risk in your church; establishing abuse-prevention policies; recruiting, screening and hiring workers; guidelines for volunteers; and day-to-day procedures for safety.
Segment 3: Reporting and Responding; A plan for legal reporting; responding to the victim, to the victim's family, to the news media, to insurance agents, and possibly to the abuser and the abuser's family; and support ministries.
Age: YAS 90 mins

(DVD8031) A SACRED TRUST: BOUNDARY ISSUES FOR CLERGY AND SPIRITUAL TEACHERS
A Sacred Trust is a program of four training videos/DVDs and a facilitator's guide. The goals of the program are to:
- Increase awareness of the need for healthy boundaries in the clergy-congregant or teacher-student relationship;
- Illustrate the impact of appropriate boundaries in promoting effective ministry;
- Provide clergy and teachers with guidelines for developing appropriate boundaries and self-care strategies.
Part 1: Boundaries, Power and Vulnerability (22 minutes)
Part 2: Dating, Friendships, Dual Relationships, Gifts (23 minutes)
Part 3: The Pulpit, Transference, Hugging and Touch, Intimacy (22 minutes)
Part 4: Personal Needs and Self-Care, Red Flags, Final Reflections (22 minutes)
The accompanying facilitator's guide includes background information, discussion questions, interactive exercises and audience handouts.
Age: YAS 89 mins

(DVD8810) REDUCING THE RISK II COPY #1
This program provides all of the information you need to completely implement a child protection program for infants through teens in your ministry. It walks you through how to present and train everyone including board members, ministry leaders and children/youth workers.
The comprehensive training DVD includes ten stimulating segments with expert teaching from Richard R. Hammar, J.S., LL.M., SPA and a panel of experts plus personal testimonies and how-to scenarios. Segments include:
1. Child Protection as the Foundation of Your Ministry
2. A Victim's Story
3. Sexual Abuse In Faith Communities-An Expert Roundtable
4. Testimony of a Sex Offender
5. Screening & Selection: Your First Line of Defense
6. Screening & Selection: The Candidate
7. Legal Requirements: The Church's Responsibility to Protect Kids
9. Responding to an Allegation
10. Taking the Next Steps
Age: AS

(DVD9232) A VIEW FROM THE SHADOWS: EXPOSING THE MIND OF CHILD SEX OFFENDERS
Volume #1: Exposing the Minds of Child Sex Offenders (18 minutes) provokes awareness, thought, and dialogue through interviews with incarcerated sex offenders, the rapists, and survivors of child sexual abuse. This video provides insight into how offenders manipulate children and the community, rationalize their behavior, and avoid detection. Adult survivors share how they have been affected by victimization.
Includes a discussion guide.
Age: A 18 mins

(DVD9233) A VIEW FROM THE SHADOWS: TREATING CHILD SEX OFFENDERS
Volume 2: Treating Child Sex Offenders (22 minutes) gives an overview of two different approaches to treatment for sex offenders. Through interviews with incarcerated sex offenders, survivors, therapists, and a family reunified after abuse has occurred in the home, this video stimulates discussion about sex offender behavior, treatment programs and how society should cope with these issues.
Includes a discussion guide.
Age: A 22 mins
(DVD9235) A VIEW FROM THE SHADOWS: TALKING ABOUT CHILD SEX ABUSE
Volume 3: In Talking About Child Sex Abuse (28 minutes), Cordelia Anderson, a nationally recognized expert, advises parents who want to know, "How do I talk to my children about sexual abuse?" Two child victims share their stories. "Johnny" was abused by an uncle when he was 10 years old. His mom had warned him about "stranger danger," but Johnny was confused because the perpetrator was a member of the family. "Melissa," 11, was abused at home by a close friend of the family. Her parents thought she was safe when she was at home. The viewer will learn how to lower a child's risk of victimization.
Includes a discussion guide.
Age: A 28 mins

(DVD9428) CROSSING THE LINE: SPEAKING OUT ABOUT CHILD SEX ABUSE
This video features the stories of four convicted child sex offenders and a survivor of child sexual abuse. At the time of the filming, the offenders were serving their prison sentence at a facility that offers voluntary treatment to sex offenders. Dana, the survivor, was sexually abused by several family members. Dana shares the impact of child sexual abuse in her life. The film is designed to reach individuals struggling with the same thoughts and emotions articulated by these offenders. Help is available, and ideally it would be provided prior to anyone acting out on these feelings; however, even if the feelings have already been acted upon, help is still available.
Includes a discussion guide.
Age: A 12 mins

Periodical Descriptions

(PERS088) WHEN THE ABUSER IS ONE OF US- PART 1
July-August 2001 Interpreter Article
This is the first of a two-part series on how churches can respond when a convicted sex offender is or wants to become part of their congregation.
This document is intended to be a helpful theologically based tool for congregations that face the challenge of how to show Christian hospitality to perpetrators of sexual abuse. It is not intended to and does not set the standard of care for how churches should or should not respond, nor does it provide legal advice. The services of a competent legal advisor always should be sought in connections with these issues. It also does not presume a secular legal duty owed by a church to any person's nor should it be used to show, establish or prove any duty or standard of care.
Age: YAS 2 Pages

(PERS089) WHEN THE ABUSER IS ONE OF US- PART 2
Oct 2001 Interpreter Article
This is the first of a two-part series on how churches can respond when a convicted sex offender is or wants to become part of their congregation.
This document is intended to be a helpful theologically based tool for congregations that face the challenge of how to show Christian hospitality to perpetrators of sexual abuse. It is not intended to and does not set the standard of care for how churches should or should not respond, nor does it provide legal advice. The services of a competent legal advisor always should be sought in connections with these issues. It also does not presume a secular legal duty owed by a church to any person's nor should it be used to show, establish or prove any duty or standard of care.
Age: YAS 1 Pages

Video Descriptions

(VHS8143) STRONG KIDS SAFE KIDS
Developed to help adults teach their children to stop molestation and/or abduction before it has a chance to start
Age: eEMHYA 43 Mins

(VHS8159) CRY OF PAIN
Shows three victims of child abuse, parent, child and society. This is an old resource with good information.
Age: MHYA 16 Mins

(VHS8863) HEAR THEIR CRIES
Documentary on the role of clergy and lay leaders in preventing child abuse. Intended for training sessions for clergy and lay leaders on recognizing and responding to child abuse.
Age: A 48 Mins

(VHS8998) NOT IN MY CHURCH
The story of one church faced by a betrayal of trust by its minister. To help people deal with the problem of clergy sexual misconduct
Age: A 45 Mins

(VHS9081) BLESS OUR CHILDREN
*It is strongly recommended that 'Hear Their Cries' be shown prior to this video.
The story of one congregation's efforts to include sexual abuse prevention in their children's religious education. Helps churches implement an abuse prevention curriculum.
Age: A 40 Mins

(VHS9160) ASK BEFORE YOU HUG
Deals with sexual harassment in the church. Helps churches clarify what is and what is not sexual harassment or inappropriate behavior. Free study guide available online from Ecufim
Age: A 31 Mins

(VHS9186) CARING SHEPHERDS
Prevention of child sexual abuse and sexual misconduct. Produced by the Risk Management Department of the GCF&A.
Age: A 18 Mins
Video Descriptions

(VHS8447) CARING FOR CHILDREN CARING FOR CREATION
Part of the Christian School of Mission 2004;
WE have a sacred responsibility to care for children, to protect current and future generations. But are we hurting them as we dump pollution into our air, water and soil. This video is designed to provide introductory information from medical experts, mothers and activists about the threats in our environment that harm our children. It is meant to educate and inspire you to take action in your homes and communities to protect children.
Small discussion guide included within video box
Age: A 16 Mins

(VHS8982) TRUTH, LIES AND SEX OFFENDERS
FOR ADULTS ONLY, NO YOUTH. PREVIEW BEFORE SHOWING.
REQUIRES DISCUSSION & DEBRIEFING AFTER VIEWING
This is an excellent video that looks at the deceptive nature of sex offenders. This two part video is produced and narrated by Dr. Anna Salter. Five convicted, incarcerated sex offenders convincingly show how, through denial, blatant lying, and the doing of apparently good works, they are able to cover up their double lives and convince many of us that society is safer than it actually is. It is a fabulous training aid for professional and lay audiences alike. "Viewers should be debriefed after watching the video to aid in processing deeply traumatizing content."
Age: YAS 34 Mins