

Better Safe than Sued—Print Resources

Better Safe Than Sued. Jack Crabtree. Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2008 ISBN-13: 978-0310282617
Every youth ministry should own and USE this book. Jack Crabtree wrote this book because he had a youth die (yes, you read that right) on a church bicycling trip. Because they had policies in place, they knew what to do to handle that in the best possible and Christ-like way. Do you have policies in place? This book now includes a CD

“We Won’t Let it Happen Here” –Download from PCUSA Website—Training Guide and sample forms and policies. <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/pcan-child-safe-church.pdf>
This excellent resource provides sample policies, forms, and resources for preventing child abuse in your congregation. Used together with Better Safe than Sued, your congregation can develop the policies and training you need to reduce the risks when working with children and youth.

Safe Sanctuaries. Joy Thorburg Melton. Discipleship Resources, 2008 ISBN-13: 978-0881775433
This is the United Methodist equivalent to the resources above, and has helpful training resources. It does have a video you can use (available in the PEVA resource center), personally I did not find it very engaging.

Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Your Church: A Complete and Practical Guidebook for Prevention and Risk Reduction. Out of print, but still available in our resource center with video—This is one of the better videos available.

Secret Encounters: Addressing Sexual Behaviors in Group Settings by Michael Shelton. American Camp Association, 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0876031841 Very in-depth resource about talking about sexuality issues with youth, and creating a safe environment with children and youth as they relate to each other.

“Recognizing, Reporting and Preventing Child Abuse in Virginia.” VDSS, 2010. Helpful pamphlet about the legalities of reporting child abuse with Virginia Hotline info
http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/cps/intro_page/publications/general/B032-01-0036-02-eng.pdf