

Safe Environment Program

Student Personal Safety Training – Parent Permission Letter

School/PSR Program _____

City _____

As you may know, all adults of our diocese who interact with minor children in our parishes and schools are required to attend a Protecting God’s Children Training. Also included in developing a safe environment for our children is the training of students enrolled in our elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the students enrolled in the Parish School of Religion and Home Study programs. We are committed to see that every child receives age-appropriate information to keep them safe from abuse. The personal safety program is just another step in teaching children how to be safe such as looking both ways before you cross the street, fire safety, water safety, etc. There are several selections of training methods available.

- training using professional video publications focusing on personal safety at all grade levels. These videos were purchased by the sources listed on the attached sheet. The information is suitable for viewing by students of a faith based organization.
- training conducted by prevention educators from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault Agency. The prevention educators visiting our schools are trained professionals in conducting awareness sessions using age appropriate information to reach all age groups of children.
- the *Child Lures* program. The Child Lures program is a well structured lesson based curriculum taught by the student’s classroom teacher. The Child Lures program is a program recommended for use by all public elementary and middle schools in the State of Illinois.

Another option for training which has also been approved by for use by this parish/school/home study program is:

The type of training and the date the training will take place in the school year will be communicated to parents in advance.

Parents must give permission for their children to participate in this training. Please check the option you desire on the attached permission slip, sign and return the permission slip by the due date noted or with other school registration forms. You may return it in the mail, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket. If you do not return the form we will assume that you have given permission to have your child participate in the training. If you choose to not have your child participate they will _____ during the training time. We will understand and honor your wish to not have your child attend the personal safety training scheduled. As parents you are the primary educators of your children and it is up to you to decide whether and how your children should receive such sensitive information.

Please consider attending the training with your children so that you can continue the discussion at home and facilitate ongoing reinforcement of what the children have learned through the training. Also available to you is the *“Parent Guide to Understanding and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse. “Keeping Children Safe from Abuse: Tips for Parents and Caregivers”, published by the Committee for Children.”* This booklet is recommended for your use.

PARENT PERMISSION SLIP

Student Personal Safety Training

Parish/School _____ City _____

_____ I give permission for my child _____
to participate in the Personal Safety Training Session.

_____ I do not give permission for my child _____
to participate in the Personal Safety Training Session through the program
established at _____. The School/PSR program has
offered to me a booklet of child safety information, *Parent Guide to
Understanding and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse. "Keeping Children Safe from
Abuse: Tips for Parents and Caregivers". Published by the Committee for
Children/*"

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Parent(s) Signature Date

Please return this form by _____.