

Transportation Plans:

The insurance committee recommends that:

1. No drivers under the age of 25 be used to transport youth and that drivers be covered by adequate insurance.
2. A youth worker who transports youth should be a safe driver and have proper credentials in the state of residence. (Including no DUI's or excessive number of speeding tickets).
3. Each passenger should have a seat belt and the use of them should always be enforced.
4. Where possible, use caravans of cars as you travel.
5. If only one adult is taking a carload of youth, they should all meet at the church, travel together and return to the church to be picked up by a parent or guardian.
6. There should be enough space for the passengers to be reasonably comfortable and for all the luggage and equipment.
7. If possible, there should be a cell phone or some other way to communicate in an emergency.
8. Take along a map and/or good directions.



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**A Safe Sanctuaries Policy for Youth Events
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CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY (CCYM)
SAFE SANCTUARIES POLICY
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Background checks will be done for all adults working with CCYM.

Screening procedures:

Adequate background checks are performed for individuals who work with children and youth.

Local churches are expected to do background checks on adults they send with youth to Conference events.

Two-adult rule:

There is more than just one adult present with youth. We recommend 2 or more adults for every 1-5 youth.

Five-years-older rule:

Adult leaders should be five years older than the people with whom they work and never younger than eighteen years old.

Sleeping arrangements:

Adults will not sleep in the same bed as youth. In a hotel-type setting, it is recommended that if possible, an adult room is between two youth rooms. This is also recommended for dormitory settings.

Adults should arrange among themselves to check on the youth rooms on a random schedule during the night.

Minimizing the possibility of danger from within the group as well as from strangers, if possible choose a hotel where the rooms open to the interior of the building rather than to the outside.

Physical safety issues:

Youth workers should be conscious of safety concerns when leading activities and games. Proper equipment and adequate supervision of the activity should always be in place

No drugs, alcoholic beverages, weapons or fireworks will be allowed. All youth must have a signed parental consent - medical information form.

Interpersonal boundaries in relationships:

1. Everyone is expected to be present with the group for all activities going on.
2. Adults will provide great leadership by modeling appropriate behaviors.
3. No profane language.
4. No practical jokes (especially ones that would be physically harmful).
5. No permission for boys to enter the room where girls are sleeping.
6. No permission for girls to enter the room where boys are sleeping.
7. No permission or opportunity for two youth or one adult and one youth to separate themselves from the group.
8. **No inappropriate touching creating the perception that the personal space and privacy of the individual is being violated.**

