



Safe Sanctuaries Participation Covenant Statement

The congregation of First United Methodist Church, Midland Texas is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, workers, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statements reflect our congregation's commitment to preserving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, or ritual abuse) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church sponsored activity.
2. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times so that no adult is left alone with children or youth on a routine basis.
3. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Please answer the following questions:

1. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth? Yes No
2. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to observe the "Two Adult Rule" at all times? Yes No
3. As a volunteer in this congregation, do you agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to your volunteer assignment? Yes No

I have read this SAFE SANCTUARIES PARTICIPATION CONVENANT STATEMENT, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Print full name