



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YOUTH SAFETY PROMISE

We seek to provide a safe environment for children participating in our group programs. Below are Protection Steps that we take to accomplish that goal.

THE PRESCOTT YMCA'S CHILD PROTECTION STEPS

Screen Staff and Volunteers - All staff and volunteers over the age of 18 will have background checks conducted prior to contact with children.

Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Training - All staff and volunteers must participate in annual child abuse prevention training.

Careful Supervision and Monitoring - Staff and volunteers are monitored to make sure everyone is abiding by our Code of Conduct.

Emphasis on our Obligation as Mandatory Reporters - All staff and volunteers are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse.

Established Prescott YMCA Guidelines - All staff and volunteers are to adhere to the guidelines regarding appropriate physical and verbal interactions with youth.

Program Design - All staff and volunteers are to follow program design that prevents staff from being alone with a youth where they cannot be observed by others.

Policies Limiting Staff and Volunteer Contact - All staff and volunteers are to adhere to policies that limit contact with youth met in Prescott YMCA programs. This includes transportation, babysitting, and social media contact.

Questions to Ask:

Has anyone said anything to you that made you feel bad?

Is anyone asking you to keep secrets?

Is anyone touching you in a way that you don't like?

Is anyone scaring or threatening you?

PROTECT YOUR CHILD

- P Pay Attention** to changes in behavior, such as sleeping patterns, fear of person or place, and discomfort with physical contact.
- R Report Concerns** about staff or a volunteer. You may contact your program director at 928-445-7221.
- O Observe** your child's programs/activities by dropping in and asking questions.
- T Talk to Your Child** about their experiences in school, sports, church, and other activities.
- E Educate Yourself!** Learn the best ways to protect your child from all forms of abuse.
- C Control** your child's isolated interactions with adults and watch for signs that they are receiving extra attention (treats, gifts, rides, etc.).
- T Trust Your Instincts!** Tell someone if something seems "strange."

