



Diocese of
Fond du Lac

Child Abuse Prevention Training On-Line

- ▶ Step-by-step interactive online courses ◀
- ▶ Complete at your own pace, on your schedule ◀
- ▶ Qualify for professional Continuing Education Credits ◀

“RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING”

- "...proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ"
- "...seek and serve Christ in all persons by loving our neighbor as ourself"
- "...strive for justice and peace among all people"

SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN

The Diocese of Fond du Lac provides child abuse prevention training with the program *Safeguarding Online*[™]. This program reflects our strong ideals and teachings regarding the safety and protection of children, especially in the Church, and will help implement the highest standards of abuse prevention for our diocese. It is available in both English and Spanish.

Safeguarding Online[™] is an online interactive set of course modules that teach about preventing child abuse (especially in church settings) developed by Praesidium, a national leader in abuse risk management and is provided by our own Church Pension Group.

HOW IT WORKS

Four modules are to be completed, each taking about 30 minutes. Video and audio are used along with learn-as-you-go text based feedback. Each person must show understanding and knowledge about a subject area before continuing in the module. When completed, a confirmation of completion is emailed to you.

TAKE ACTION

Every church worker that supervises or works with children or youth in any capacity should complete this program. Those who have taken previous training workshops should also complete this program. If there is any question about the need to take the course, it is better to complete it than wonder if they should. The convenience of the online program reduces the cost of time and travel to workshops in the past.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Safeguarding Online*[™]? Step-by-step online interactive courses that teach you how to keep children safe from abuse and protect yourself from false allegations.

Who should take *Safeguarding Online*[™]? Every church worker who **supervises or works with** children and youth in any capacity (*clergy or lay, paid or volunteer*).

How long does *Safeguarding Online*[™] take? Course modules each take about 30-45 minutes each. Complete them in one sitting or over time, it's up to your schedule. You'll save time vs. past workshops because there's no need to drive to a workshop location.

I've had past training (or training for my profession). Do I have to do *Safeguarding Online*[™]? Yes. Everyone should complete *Safeguarding Online*[™] since it is specific to church settings. It will be a good refresher course even if you've had training before.

When can I start *Safeguarding Online*[™]? Now! To enroll send an email to prevention@diofdl.org with your name, congregation, and your birthdate (month and day only, year is not needed). You'll receive an enrollment e-mail with your login and password along with instructions on how to begin the online modules.

What if I don't have internet access? Ask your church office or priest. They'll assist you in finding access to complete this important program.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

The *Safeguarding Online*[™] website is administered through the Diocesan Office as a no fee service to congregations and their members. Participation in the *Safeguarding Online*[™] program can be initiated by either an individual or a congregation.

Step 1: ENROLL

Send an email to prevention@diofdl.org with:

- First and last name;
- Date of birth (month and day only, year not needed);
- Name of congregation;
- E-mail address

A congregation could compile a list of multiple individuals and submit them as an Excel spreadsheet.

After receipt, the Diocesan Office establishes a user account for the individual and sends them a confirmation e-mail with login and password.

For individuals without internet access or e-mail, congregations should make arrangements for access and use the congregation's e-mail for correspondence.

Step 2: PARTICIPATE

After receiving the confirmation e-mail with login and password, participants can begin course modules. They visit the website at www.safeguardingonline.org and follow step-by-step instructions.

Step3: VERIFY

When a course module is completed, the participant receives a completion certificate via e-mail they can print and provide for the church's files. In addition, these courses may be used for professional continuing education credits as Praesidium is a certified CEU provider (contact the Diocesan Office for details if you wish to take advantage of this option).

Twice a year the Diocesan Office provides each congregation a list of members who have enrolled and what course modules they have completed. Congregations may also ask for this information at any time.