



Safe Church Policies and Training Materials Factsheet

Background

- In 2015, the 78th General Convention created a Special Task Force to update the Sexual Misconduct Policies of the Episcopal Church. The Task Force, which was jointly appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, was responsible for updating the Safe Church Policies in order to help and enable clergy, congregations, volunteers, and individuals understand and live into the importance of this training.

78th General Convention: Safe Church Policies

- Released on April 18, 2018, the updated policies included the Model Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth¹ [bit.ly/2NAJIO4](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bit.ly/2NAJIO4) and the Model Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults¹ [bit.ly/34OYiHv](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bit.ly/34OYiHv).
- These policies are designed and managed by the Episcopal Church to create a safe and welcoming space for all children and youth and vulnerable adults and those engaged in ministry with them, and to prevent sexual abuse.

79th General Convention: Safe Church Training Materials

- At the 79th General Convention, Resolution 2018-A048 [bit.ly/2NBDQEa](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bit.ly/2NBDQEa) was passed establishing a Task Force to oversee the creation of new Safe Church Training Materials.
- It is anticipated that the Task Force will complete its work before the 80th General Convention in 2021.

Available Training Materials & Resources

- As the Task Force works to create updated training materials, individuals can still access online modules and/or purchase the existing *Safeguarding God's Children*TM training resources and materials at [bit.ly/2pSSC0B](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bit.ly/2pSSC0B).

Model Policies for Safe Ministries: FAQs

- Interested in learning more? View Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) prepared by the Episcopal Church that are designed to help you better understand the complex issues of Safe Church Policies at [bit.ly/2X8MNIq](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/bit.ly/2X8MNIq).

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