

SEC Newsletter October 2019

Virginia Out of the Office or not available:

- October 1, 2, 3, 15, 17, 22, 30, 31 afternoon
- November 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 19, 21
- Thanksgiving Nov. 27-29
- December 5, 12, 23
- Christmas Break Dec 24-Jan 1
- Jan. 2-3

Recordings of Webinars:

If you missed a webinar or just want to listen to it again please use the following links. The password is: SafeENV
<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/safe-environment-videos>

We are aware that we lost sound and internet during Session 1 on September 17, 2019 between 10-10:15 and we apologize. You will notice the recording misses a little bit but not much, I tried to go back to when we lost sound to repeat it.

Background checks:

- When I force a background check date, the link will appear on the person's toolbox tab and the person will now get an email letting them know they need to complete this. If they don't get one it could be because it went to spam/junk mail or their email in VIRTUS is not current.
- I have assigned the background check link to those roles I have listed on my Chancery report. If a person is due for a background check between July 1–Dec 31, I assigned them the link on July 19, 2019. I asked this to be completed by July 31st. This includes but not limited to: clergy, DRE's, host parents, etc. If you are not compliant please complete the background check asap.
- You should be running your report to see who is due at your location and you can send me an email with names so I can assign the link for them.

On-Site Diocesan Audits:

Nancy Karn and I have sent dates to those locations that have had a change in staff or are due for their 3 year rotation visit. This visit will be to go over your location's compliance, changes, help, etc. We are required by the auditors to do on-site audits.

VIRTUS Conference Sept. 4-6:

This year's conference had a lot of information as it usually does so I like to share what I learned.

Speakers:

- We heard from 2 victims. Both male and both abused by family members.
- Abuse should be discussed in age appropriate matters but we should not make it taboo or act like it don't exist. Some are living with this feeling for years before they talk about it.
- Teach our children no one can touch them in certain ways.
- 1.3 million children sexually assaulted every year.
- They feel they don't have a voice.
- Women that have sex with a boy have a lesser sentence than a man that has sex with a girl that is considered rape.
- In a national study 42% of males stated they never disclosed having been sexually abused.
- 44.9% of males wait 20 years or more before disclosing their sexual abuse.
- 95% of victims know their abuser.
- Approx. 35% of sexual abusers are family members.
- Stranger Danger incidents are 5% and one time.
- Women are perpetrators also.

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- FBI – 3% of molesters are caught.
- Children with disabilities up to 10x more likely to be abused.
- How often to kids make up stories of abuse – less than 1% of the time.
- YouTube search “hot teachers who sleep with their students”
 - It will list the names of the teachers and school
 - 7 editions
 - Youngest boy as a victim is 11
- Behavioral patterns of perpetrators with children:
 - Unusual interest or they know way to much
 - Fear or dislike of certain places of people
 - Sudden change in school behaviors good or bad
 - Return to more babyish behaviors
 - Eating disorders
 - Low self esteem
 - Self-destructive behaviors
 - Drug and alcohol problems
 - Poor hygiene
 - Avoiding certain people

VIRTUS:

- You will notice some * items listed as locations, these are used only by my office. So you can disregard those.
- Roles – I am working on a new format so don't be alarmed if you see some changes. When I have it ready I will make sure I have instructions sent to you and what is required.
- Run your reports to see who is on it, are they compliant, do they need to be made inactive.
- All people that are not in ministry should be made inactive by December 13, 2019.
- New Video will be mass assigned to every active person working or volunteering with minors and or vulnerable adults in VIRTUS as of Jan. 2020. All are required to complete this training within 2 weeks after the assigned date from VIRTUS.
- Anyone that is due for a background check (bgc) between July 1 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019: you can send me their name and I will force the date and link for them to complete the bgc.
- Anyone that is due for a background check between Jan 1 2020 – June 30, 2020: you can send me their name and I will force the date and link so they can get it done in Jan at the same time as the training video. This way they should be compliant by the time we work on the audit.
- Audit 2020 – will be an onsite audit by the Stonebridge auditors. They will request a list of schools and parishes to have a site visit from them. Please make sure all people are compliant and registered as they should be in VIRTUS.

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- I have seen an increase in others outside of our diocese completing training and background checks but they are not functioning in our diocese. This new verbiage has been added to hopefully alert them they are in the wrong diocese. Please do not instruct people outside our diocese to do our program if they are not functioning in our diocese. Each diocese has their own requirements and policies.



If you are not working or volunteering in the Diocese of Davenport, please contact your local Diocese to receive the proper requirements



or [please click here](#) to select your diocesan/organization location.

Please create a user id and password that you will use to access your account

Common names like Mary and John are not good choices as they are most likely already in use.
Common abbreviations like "jimi" and "jimmy" are also likely to already be in use.
We suggest using your full name (without spaces) or email address as they are more likely to be unique.

Create a User ID:

Create a Password:

Your user id is case sensitive. We recommend that you use all lower case letters and avoid spaces and punctuation. Email addresses are ok. Your user id must be at least 4 characters long.

Your password must be at least 8 characters long.

[Important note about selecting passwords](#)

Resources:

- <https://malesurvivor.org/>
- <https://1in6.org/>
- Joining Forces book by Dr Howard Franken
- When a man you love was abused – Cecil Murphy
- A Man named Dave – Dave Pelzer
- Snapshot Predators on the rise St Louis case: https://people.com/crime/st-louis-man-accused-of-using-snapchat-to-lure-rape-at-least-5-underage-girls-turns-himself-in/?fbclid=IwAR2dWK70b3FED9DPpnW7D8t1e1xZd8Gc_IS71JJs_7X4HkQoR_U5T64rbzc&mc_cid=3df5c2c0bb&mc_eid=f22f8159a8
 - There has been an increase in the number of recent [news stories](#) related to predators using Snapchat to lure kids. This most often happens through "Quick Add" in Snapchat, where new friends are recommended, then the "Stories" feature where these new "friends" post luring and explicit content, looking for a taker. They only need one. Is your kid ready to defend?
 - In order to toggle off the "Quick Add" feature, follow these steps:
 - Open Snapchat
 - Tap your profile picture
 - Tap the gear icon
 - Tap "Notifications"
 - Uncheck "Friend Suggestions"
- Facebook app:
 - Facebook users can now find the love of their life on the new dating service called Facebook Dating. It is integrated within the Facebook app (but not on the web). You can even tag your 'Secret Crush' from your Instagram network or from Facebook, and if the feeling is mutual, similar to Tinder, there's a "match." There's still much to be learned, but we've updated our [app review](#) with what you need to know including how to protect your privacy while using the dating service.
- Protect Young Eyes – Covenant Eyes accountability and filtering for high school and older
 - https://protectyouneyes.com/content/covenant-eyes/?mc_cid=38c4a21823&mc_eid=f321ba11a2&mc_cid=3df5c2c0bb&mc_eid=f22f8159a8