Risk Management Best Practices with Supporting Documents

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Catholic Mutual Group, in conjunction with the Diocese of Madison, is pleased to present you with this new comprehensive Risk Management Best Practices manual. This valuable tool is designed to assist you in properly managing the business and insurance risks your parish faces through its various ministries and activities. Access to Catholic Mutual Group's website and login information can be found on page two, along with indicators to direct you to the information outlined in the CARES index.

Catholic Mutual Group offers a wide array of resource information ranging from transportation and defensive driving, preventative maintenance, security, facility usage, to parish festivals and volunteer administration. In addition, information on online training is located at page thirty five.

I hope you find this to be a useful tool for business risk management and that the information will be the platform to enhance your existing best practices. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I would be pleased to assist you further or for specific circumstances or concerns.

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Risk Management Information

Sign into [www.catholicmutual.org](http://www.catholicmutual.org)

Click on “Member Login”

The user name is: **0178mad** and the password is **service**
(All lower case letters)

Click on “Login”

Once you are logged in, you are able to choose an area of interest.

The Risk Management Info tab will bring you to this screen where our ‘CARES’ policies, procedures, and other informational guides are located. You can search by letter, or by clicking on a specific category.
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- Are You Ready For an Earthquake
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- Security Policy

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- Electrical Fire Safety – Keep an Eye on Those Extension Cords
- Escape From Fire No Matter Where You Are
- Fireworks Display Safety
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- Space Heaters – What You Should Know

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- Chair and Table Maintenance
- Do You Have a Mold Problem?
- Ice and Snow Removal Procedures
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- Protect Your Property from Freeze Damage
- Recommendations for Preventing and Reducing Mold Growth
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- Steps to Reduce Roof Leaks
- Summer Maintenance Checklist
- Ten Things You Should Know About Mold
- Underground Storage Tank Inspection Checklist
- Vacant and/or Unoccupied Buildings

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- Facility Program Evaluation Overview
- Facility Program Evaluation
- Office Safety Survey
- Parish Risk Management Manual

**Residential**
- Carbon Monoxide – A Deadly Gas
- Dog Ownership Safety
- Escape From Fire No Matter Where You Are
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- Fire Prevention Guidelines for the Home
- Home Electrical Safety Audit – Room by Room Checklist
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- Residential Security Survey
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- Cyber Security Tips
- Data Protection Policy
- Network Security Policy
- Protecting Your Network

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- Establishing a Key Control Policy Will Enhance Security
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Safety Survey – Buildings and Grounds
Safety Survey – Classrooms, Offices and Special Rooms
Safety Survey – Food Service and Cafeteria Operations
Safety Survey – General Guidelines for Schools
Safety Survey – Science Laboratory
School Risk Management Manual

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Risk Management Best Practices
Diocese of Madison
Risk Management Best Practices

The Diocese of Madison introduces its Risk Management Best Practices. The Best Practices address facility and operational issues that bring unique risk to the Church. The Best Practices address the following areas:

- Transportation and 11 (including driver) - 15 Passenger Vans
- Parish Festivals
- Security
- Youth Ministry
- Volunteer Administration
- Parish Health Ministry
- Online Training

The Best Practices that follow are an abbreviated version of the full Best Practices documents. For additional information and to view the full documents, please visit Catholic Mutual’s website.

Catholic Mutual’s website must also be visited to access the online training. Below is information to visit and enter the Catholic Mutual website.

- Sign into Catholic Mutual’s website www.catholicmutual.org
- Click on “Member Login”
- The user name is: 0178mad and the password is service (all lower case letters).
- Click on “Login”

At this point you can either view the Risk Management Best Practices documents or begin the online training

To view the Risk Management Best Practices documents:

- Select “My Diocese”
- Select document you would like to view

To begin the online training:

- Select “Online Training”
- Click “Please click here.”
- Select a language
- Select a subgroup – From the drop-down menu, select and click on the Diocese of Madison
- Select a subgroup again – From the drop-down menu, select your location
- Confirm your selection is correct
- Select a course from the drop-down menu
- Click “Launch Course”

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Transportation Best Practices/Defensive Driving and 11 (including driver) - 15 Passenger Vans
Q – Can employee or volunteer drivers be used in our school or church programs?

A – When appropriate, employees and volunteers can be asked to drive on Church business. Often, employee and volunteer drivers are important in allowing the Church to fulfill its ministries.

Q – What resources are available to help in determining when employee or volunteer drivers should be used?

A – Catholic Mutual has developed an online training, *Church Transportation: Is It Necessary And Ministry-Based?* that should be viewed by all Church and school personnel involved in the arrangement of transportation. This training can be accessed from Catholic Mutual’s website.

Q – What can we do to make sure our employee and volunteer drivers are properly trained?

A – Employee and volunteer drivers should take Catholic Mutual’s defensive driving course, *Be Smart – Drive Safe*. This 18 minute training program educates drivers to avoid the seven most common causes of accidents. In addition, each driver completes a short questionnaire after the training to verify they have a valid driver’s license and an acceptable driving record. Attached is information to get you started in implementing the *Be Smart – Drive Safe* program at your location.
Q - *Is it acceptable to use an 11 (including driver) - 15 passenger van to transport passengers?*

A – No. As early as 2001, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued warnings on the serious rollover potential of these types of vans. This led to the federal prohibition of the sale or leasing of these vans to schools by authorized dealerships.

**So what should be used?**

- A school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB).
- A mini-van or a SUV that has a total capacity of no more than 8 people.
- Vehicles that have a rated capacity of 16 or more passengers, such as shuttle buses, must comply with the same safety standards as a multifunction school activity bus.
- Simply removing the seats to reduce the occupant capacity of the vans is not allowed.
- Any current vans owned by the locations can be converted for use as a maintenance or cargo van by permanent removal of the seats.

To verify that locations are not utilizing 11 (including driver) - 15 passenger vans, Catholic Mutual Group has a short “read only” training regarding the vans along with a short quiz which should be taken annually on the website, [www.catholicmutual.org](http://www.catholicmutual.org). Please see attached end-user instructions.
One growing area of liability exposure within the Catholic Church is related to driving and transportation activities. With this in mind, Catholic Mutual Group has developed an online training platform for our driving programs:

**Be Smart—Drive Safe**

and

**Church Transportation—Is it Necessary and Ministry-Based?**

These two valuable Risk Management tools can be used to ensure those who drive on behalf of your church or school will drive safer and reduce your liability exposure.
WHAT IS BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE?

Be Smart—Drive Safe is a condensed 18 minute online defensive driving course. This informative course will provide the trainee useful information to become a better defensive driver. Be Smart—Drive Safe is available at no cost and can be easily accessed and viewed when it is most convenient for the trainee!

HOW DOES BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE BENEFIT MY PARISH OR SCHOOL?

By asking any employee or volunteer who drives on behalf of the church or school to take the course, safer transportation will be provided and the church or school will reduce its liability exposure to an auto loss!

HOW DOES BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE BENEFIT THE TRAINEE?

The trainee becomes a better defensive driver AND can possibly be eligible for a reduction in their personal insurance rates!

WHO SHOULD TAKE BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE?

Anyone that drives on behalf of your church or school should take the course.

HOW CAN A DRIVER ACCESS BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE?

Enclosed is a handout that provides detailed instructions for the end user. This handout can be distributed to anyone that drives on behalf of your church or school.

HOW DO WE ADMINISTER THE BE SMART—DRIVE SAFE PROGRAM AT OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL?

Ideally, the church or school should designate a transportation coordinator(s). The transportation coordinator identifies drivers and provides those drivers the Be Smart—Drive Safe End-User Instruction handout. The transportation coordinator, parish administrator, or CRM can verify through the platform that the course has been taken successfully.

HOW CAN WE PROPERLY SCREEN THOSE WHO DRIVE FOR OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL AND DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO DRIVE?

Upon completion of Be Smart—Drive Safe, trainees will be asked a series of driving related questions, such as, “have you been convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) in the past 3 years?” The transportation coordinator, parish administrator, or CRM can check the trainee’s status on the platform and results of the screening questions. In cases where answers indicate a potential problem driver, the trainee should not be allowed to drive on church or school business.

As an added bonus, the screening tool can replace the need for the driver to complete the Driver Information Sheet/Volunteer Driver Form—as this information will always be available on the online platform.
WE HAVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS DRIVE ALL THE TIME TO ASSIST THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN OUR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES. WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?

In today’s litigious society, the Catholic Church has seen an increase of large loss automobile claims and in particular, non-owned auto liability claims. It is vital that churches and schools develop a “best practices” approach when utilizing employees or volunteers to drive on behalf of the church or school. Not only will this approach provide a better assurance that our drivers and passengers will be safer, but also reduce the liability exposure associated with church and school transportation.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO SUCH EXTREMES TO SCREEN DRIVERS THAT MAY ONLY OCCASIONALLY DRIVE ON BEHALF OF OUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL?

The Church is legally liable and ethically responsible for accidents that happen as a result of individuals driving on behalf of the Church. With this in mind, Catholic Mutual has developed an online training titled Church Transportation—Is it Necessary and Ministry-Based? This training addresses the needs and ramifications of the Church being involved in transportation. This training is required to be viewed by at least one person in an administrative position at your location once every two years. It would also be beneficial to be viewed by any pastors, business managers, principals, or any other designated individual(s) at your location responsible for coordinating driving such as the transportation coordinator.

HOW CAN WE ACCESS CHURCH TRANSPORTATION—IS IT NECESSARY AND MINISTRY-BASED?

This training module can also be found on the Safety Education Solutions online platform. Employees and volunteers can self-register for this course, which is available at no cost. Training takes less than 20 minutes to complete and can be easily accessed and viewed when it is most convenient for the trainee!
Catholic Mutual Safety Education Solutions

Be Smart – Drive Safe
End-User Instructions

Self-Register:

1. Open your browser and navigate to www.catholicmutual.org. Compatible browsers include Internet Explorer 9 or higher, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. Training is not compatible with portable devices such as iPods, tablets or smart phones at this time. If you view the training on one of these devices, you will not be able to take the test at the end and will not get credit for the training.

2. Select the ‘Defensive Driving’ Icon. This will direct you to the Safety Education Solutions platform. Click on “Register here”.

3. Complete the requested information, noting the following:
   a. Because every user across the entire in2vate system must have a unique Username, we recommend that you use your complete email address.
   b. Create a password that is at least 6 characters long.
   c. You are able to change your password at any time by clicking “Update My Account” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Type your new password and hit “save”.
   d. If you do not have an email account, choose a highly unique User Name and enter noaddress@example.com in the Email area.

4. Select your Organization (your Arch/Diocese). Click “Submit.”
5. You will be asked to identify your primary Location (parish/school).

6. You will be asked to identify your primary Role.
7. The system will refresh and ask you to login with your new Username and Password.

8. Once logged into your account, you will be able to select and complete the *Be Smart – Drive Safe* module, along with others as required. Click the green ‘Start’ to launch the training.

You no longer need to email or print your certificate, the completion of your training will be available to your system administrator.

Please contact in2vate at 1-800-205-5262 for technical questions, web assistance, or site functionality. For all other questions, please call Lori Kortright at 1-800-228-6108 ext. 2385.
Self-Register:
1. Open your browser and navigate to www.catholicmutual.org. Compatible browsers include Internet Explorer 9 or higher, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. Training is not compatible with portable devices such as iPods, tablets or smart phones at this time. If you view the training on one of these devices, you will not be able to take the test at the end and will not get credit for the training.
2. Select the ‘Defensive Driving’ Icon. This will direct you to the Safety Education Solutions platform. Click on “Register here”.
   For returning users, enter your user name and password, click “Submit” and proceed to step 7.

3. Complete the requested information, noting the following:
   a. Because every user across the entire in2vate system must have a unique Username, we recommend that you use your complete email address.
   b. Create a password that is at least 6 characters long.
   c. You are able to change your password at any time by clicking “Update My Account” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Type your new password and hit “save”.
   d. If you do not have an email account, choose a highly unique User Name and enter noaddress@example.com in the Email area.

4. Select your Organization (your Arch/Diocese). Click “Submit.”
5. You will be asked to identify your primary Location (parish or school) and Role.
6. The system will refresh and ask you to login with your new Username and Password.

7. Once logged into your account, you will be able to select and complete the Church Transportation – Is it Necessary and Ministry Based? and 11 (including driver) – 15 Passenger Van Policy module. Click the green ‘Start’ button to launch the training.

You no longer need to email or print your certificate, the completion of your training will be available to your system administrator.

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Diocese of Madison

Use of 11 (including driver) - 15 Passenger Vans is Prohibited!

11 (including driver) - 15 passenger vans should either be replaced with a school bus or a Multifunction School Activity Bus (MFSAB). A MFSAB is a vehicle which complies with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to school buses for crash survivability and mirrors.

If a MFSAB is used, the vehicle must meet the following four FMVSS:

- **FMVSS 111** – Fulfills the safety requirement for the rear-view and cross-view visibility.
- **FMVSS 220** – Establishes requirements for the school bus body structure in rollover accidents.
- **FMVSS 221** – Regulates the strength of body panel joints in school buses.
- **FMVSS 222** – Establishes occupant protection requirements for school bus passenger seating and barriers.

Removal of seats from a vehicle designed to transport 11 (including driver) - 15 passenger vans to make the vehicle a 10 or less passenger vehicle is not allowed. Additionally, shuttle buses that do not meet the above listed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for a MFSAB are not allowed.

Mini-vans may be used to transport children or adults. A mini-van is defined as a passenger vehicle designed to transport no more than 8 total occupants.

While the use of 11 (including driver) - 15 passenger vans is prohibited to transport people, the vehicles can be used for cargo hauling only if all but the two front seats are removed.

If you have questions whether or not your vehicle would be in compliance, please contact the Risk Management Department at 1-800-228-6108.
Q – Why is it important to have risk management procedures and practices in place for our parish festivals and other large events?

A – Festivals and other large-scale events that go above and beyond the daily ministries of the Catholic Church create unique liability exposures. The Church is legally liable and ethically responsible for accidents that happen as a result of any involvement and sponsorship in these types of events. It is vital that churches and schools develop a “best practices” approach for any parish-sponsored event. Not only will this approach provide better assurance for the safety of everyone involved, it will also reduce the liability exposure associated with these types of large events.

Q – What resources are available to successfully manage our parish festival or other large events?

A – Catholic Mutual offers Safe & Successful Parish Festivals online training which you can access by logging onto the Catholic Mutual website, www.catholicmutual.org, Login: 0178mad Password: service and selecting Online Training.

By being aware of the “best practices” safety checklist and understanding the detailed information available in the Guidelines for Parish Festivals, you will be better prepared to ensure a safer event and reduce or eliminate common claims associated with these types of events. The Guidelines for Parish Festivals can be found on Catholic Mutual’s website at www.catholicmutual.org, and selecting Risk Management Info.
Festivals and other large-scale events that go above and beyond the daily ministries of the Catholic Church create unique liability exposures. The Church is legally liable and ethically responsible for accidents that happen as a result of any involvement and sponsorship in these types of events. It is vital that churches and schools develop a “best practices” approach for any parish-sponsored event. Not only will this approach provide better assurance for the safety of everyone involved, it will also reduce the liability exposure associated with these types of large events.

By being aware of the “best practices” safety checklist and understanding the detailed information available in the Festival/High Risk Events Policy Manual, you will be better prepared to ensure a safer event and reduce or eliminate common claims associated with these types of events. The Festival/High Risk Events Policy Manual and the corresponding online training can be accessed through the Catholic Mutual’s website.

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Festival/High Risk Events - Risk Management Best Practices

**Checklist**

- **Supervision**
  - There is a designated Festival Chairperson *(overseen by staff person at parish/school)*
  - There is a designated Supervisor for each operational area of festival *(overseen by festival chairperson)*
  - There is designated Safety Coordinator to ensure all safety recommendations are met *(overseen by Chairperson)*

- **Vendors**
  - Vendor contracts/agreements have been reviewed by Arch/Diocece or CMG prior to signing
  - Vendor Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement has been obtained by each vendor *(i.e. ride, game, food, security vendors)*
  - Certificates of Insurance have been obtained from vendor with parish/diocese named as additional insured

- **Transportation**
  - Driving duties have been limited to a select number of properly screened individuals
  - Drivers have taken "Be Smart - Drive Safe" online defensive driving course available on main page of CMG website www.catholicmutual.org
  - Chairperson and Supervisors have taken Church Transportation - Is It Necessary and Ministry-Based?

- **Volunteers**
  - Are 18 years of age or older OR supervised by adult with parent permission
  - Have been selected and matched to tasks according to training and/or skills
  - Have a clear understanding of duties and risks associated with the assigned task
  - Have been provided with personal protective equipment, if needed

- **Premises Safety**
  - Electrical cords and hoses have been rerouted, taped down or covered
  - Adequate lighting has been provided
  - Tent stakes and ropes have been secured
  - Alternate plans are in place for inclement weather
  - Emergency response procedures/evacuation plans have been developed
  - Adequate number of trained security guards have been hired

- **Parking**
  - Valet parking will not be allowed
  - There is adequate lighting in parking lots
  - Adequate space for pedestrian traffic has been provided through parking lots
  - Adequate space will be made available for emergency vehicles

- **Medical Services**
  - There is a First Aid station and supplies available
  - An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be readily accessible
  - Local police and hospitals have been notified about upcoming event
  - Hand washing stations are provided

- **Food**
  - Appropriate food temperatures will be maintained
  - Employees and volunteers have been informed of food-borne illness best practices

- **Alcohol**
  - Meet all State and local liquor licensing requirements
  - Identification checkpoints are in place
  - Colored bracelets will be provided for legal age individuals wishing to consume alcohol
  - Trained bartenders will be used
  - Alternate transportation will be provided for intoxicated patrons

- **Money/Cash Handling**
  - Background and credit checks will be completed on individuals working with money
  - Tamper-proof of bags will be utilized
  - Cash will be regularly collected from stands, alternating times and routes
  - Three or more individuals will be involved in collecting cash
  - Money will be counted by two or more people
  - Cash will be kept in a locked safe and guarded by security
  - Consideration has been given to using a ticket system

- **Activities/Equipment**
  - Festival activities will not include any of the following: hot air/tethered balloons; helicopter rides; ATV rides/speed contest; climbing contests; gambling or liquor *(when not approved by state statutes)*; bungee jumping; dunking booths involving individuals 21 years of age and under; or archery/firearms
  - Homemade equipment *(i.e. gas grills, dunking booths, miniature motorized vehicles)* and other similar devices will not be utilized
  - All activities for the festival have been approved by the arch/diocese and/or Catholic Mutual Group

- **Claim Procedure**
  - Accident Report forms on hand
  - Staff is aware of claim reporting procedures
Facility Security Best Practices
Diocese of Madison
Facility Security Best Practices

Q – Why is it important to have a security policy in place?
A – Having unsecured schools, churches, parish halls, and offices provides free and unrestricted access to your buildings and their contents and could expose your facilities to theft, vandalism and expose those visiting or working there to possible injury.

Q – Is it expensive to provide for a safe and secure environment in our schools, churches and offices?
A – No. By developing a simple written policy for each of your buildings, you can make them safe and secure.

Catholic Mutual Group offers a variety of maintenance and security information under the Risk Management/Property Section of the website, www.catholicmutual.org, Login: 0178mad Password: service, and selecting Risk Management Info.

By following the items in the below checklist, you can easily, and with little expense, provide sound security measures for the protection of property and people.

CHECKLIST

• Schools
  ____ The written security policy is in place and the staff and parents have been educated on the policy.
  ____ Visitor reporting procedures are in place.
  ____ All secondary doors are secured against entry and all visitors are directed to a single, monitored, entrance. (Monitoring of the school entrance must be by visual means, electronic or video monitor, or with remote buzzer to unlock the door.)
  ____ All offices, storage rooms, janitor closets, and unoccupied rooms are kept locked.

• Church
  ____ Operational hours for when the church is unlocked are set. At the end of the day, all church doors are locked against entry until the next day.
  ____ All doors inside the church are locked to restrict access to authorized staff only.

• Office
  ____ All parish records are kept in a secure location.
  ____ Parish Office hours of operation are posted and followed.

• General Measures
  ____ All landscaping is trimmed to eliminate hiding places for potential intruders.
  ____ The key control policy is in place and strictly followed.
  ____ All interior and exterior doors are checked daily for security.
  ____ Emergency procedures are in place and all staff and volunteers are provided an orientation on the policy.
Youth Ministry Best Practices
Q - Why is risk management an important component of youth ministry?

A - Often, the danger and liability exposures from youth ministry activities are not fully understood until an accident occurs. Best Practices will help ensure the safety of all participants.

Q - Is it difficult to implement necessary risk management procedures?

A - No. Catholic Mutual has completed an online training module and extensive supportive information to assist youth ministers, leaders and chaperones. This can be accessed by logging onto the Catholic Mutual website at www.catholicmutual.org. Login: 0178mad, Password: service, and selecting Online Training. In addition, the Youth Ministry Activity Checklist on the next page provides specific guidance regarding questions that need to be reviewed and answered.
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Youth Ministry Activity Checklist

Activity Event  ________________________________________________

Dates and/or Training of Event  ________________________________________________

Locations  ________________________________

Please ensure all questions have been reviewed and a response indicated.

•  _____ Is the activity safe and approved?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________

•  _____ What type of transportation is being utilized?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________

*Note: 11 (including driver) – 15 passenger vehicles cannot be used unless they meet school bus standards.

•  _____ If drivers are employees or volunteers, have required driver forms been completed?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________

*Note: Motor vehicle record checks are always recommended.

•  _____ Have all staff and volunteer drivers completed the online *Be Smart Drive Safe* defensive driving module?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________

•  _____ Have all leaders and chaperones completed appropriate safe environment training and undergone successful background checks?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________

•  _____ Are the adult leaders and chaperones-to-youth ratio adequate for the activity?
  Comments:  _______________________________________________
• _____ Has necessary communication regarding the activity been provided to all parents and guardians?
  Comments: __________________________________________________________

• _____ Have all permission and release forms been signed and returned?
  Comments: __________________________________________________________

• _____ Have all staff and volunteers viewed the online youth ministry module
  *Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role*?
  Comments: __________________________________________________________

• _____ Has the youth minister, youth leader or location transportation coordinator
  viewed the online training module *Church Transportation – Is It Necessary and Ministry Based*?
  Comments: __________________________________________________________

Signature of individual(s) verifying all questions have been answered:

__________________________________    ______________
  Signature(s)       Date
The key to a successful Youth Ministry program is finding an effective – yet safe – way to connect with kids today. Youth Ministers are charged with the profound responsibility of engaging young people within the Catholic Church, while keeping those who participate safe from harm. Not only are Youth Ministers responsible for safety, but the young person themselves and their parents must also play a role. The following guidelines have been developed to assist you in your role as a Youth Minister. Please feel free to contact Catholic Mutual if you have any further questions.

Thank you for all your efforts in keeping youth safety at the forefront of your ministry.
Balancing ministry and fun - The key to a successful Youth Ministry program is finding an effective, yet safe way to reach kids today while still making it fun.

**Activity Selection**
- Think about safety….think about risk…..
- Good idea vs. bad idea
- Assess the risk - Is it necessary for a successful ministry?

**Examples of what might be too risky:**
- High Ropes Course
- White Water Rafting
- Rock Climbing/Rappelling
- Paintball
- Water Skiing
- Off-Road (Jet Skis, Snowmobiles, Dirt Bikes, ATV’s)

When planning any activity, be sure to contact the (Arch) Diocese or your local Catholic Mutual Office prior to scheduling.

**TRANSPORTATION SELECTION**
- Review (Arch) Diocesan Transportation Policy
- View Church Transportation - Is it Necessary & Ministry Based? online training.
- Preferred Methods
  - Meet at location
  - Wheels for hire
  - Approved volunteer drivers
  - Drivers should take Be Smart-Drive Safe online course

**NEVER**
- Allow anyone under the age of 21 to drive
- Permit unapproved drivers
- Use 11 (including driver) - 15 passenger vans

**chaperone/Volunteer**

A chaperone/volunteer must:
- Complete Safe Environment requirements
- Review “CARES” Chaperone Guidelines
- Be 21 years of age or older
- View Youth Ministry: Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role online training
- Attend required meetings
- Know the activity
- Understand his/her responsibilities

Details, Details, Details

- Obtain contact information for parents
- Obtain Youth Ministry Registration Packet from each youth member
- Ensure (Arch) Diocese reviews any contract/agreement associated with activity
- Make an advance visit to off-site activity location to help foresee any potential risks
- Create a plan of action for potential emergencies
- Obtain Parent Permission Slips and Adult Chaperone Liability Waivers
- Obtain Volunteer Driver Form
Parents must:
◘ Know activity
◘ Know transportation mode
◘ Know destination
◘ Know timeframe
◘ Have read/signed all forms

Parents should:
◘ Attend planning meetings
◘ View *Youth Ministry: Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role* online training
◘ Be involved

**GET THE WORD OUT**

◘ Communication (text, blogs, email, social networking, etc.) must be
  ➔ Appropriate
  ➔ Monitored

◘ Communication from Youth Ministers should:
  ➔ Be open & transparent
  ➔ Be sent to all youth (i.e. text, blog, email, etc.)
  ➔ Include copy to parents
  ➔ NOT be done privately with an individual youth

◘ If a social network site is established for Youth Ministry, it must be monitored on a regular basis. Any inappropriate material should be deleted immediately.

**WWJD?**

◘ Code of Conduct - covenant between all participants and the Church to agree to behave appropriately and safely

◘ View *Youth Ministry: Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role* online training

**Also Available:**

Youth Ministry Resource Manual
Youth Ministry Quick Guide
Youth Ministry Poster

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Omaha, NE 68154

Phone: (800)-228-6108
Fax: (402)-551-2943

Email: rm@catholicmutual.org
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  o Confirm your selection is correct

  o Select Youth Ministry Everything Matters and Everyone has a Role from the drop-down menu

  o Click “Launch Course”

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Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Best Practices
Q – Who can be a Parish Nurse and what do they do?
A - A Parish nurse’s role focuses on personal health counseling, health education, referrals, wellness promotions, advocacy and the integration of faith and healing. A parish nurse can be a paid employee or volunteer of the parish. A parish nurse can also be contracted through a local healthcare institution.

Q – Does starting a parish nurse/health ministry program bring additional risk to our parish’s liability insurance program?
A – Your exposure to loss increases anytime a new program is started within the parish. However, if parish nurse programs adhere to the best practice guidelines and do not perform any “hands on” type nursing activities, your increased exposure is minimal.

Q – What procedures must be in place before starting a parish nurse/health ministry program at my parish?
A - By being aware of and following the “best practices” for parish nurse/health ministry programs shown below and understanding the detailed information available in the Catholic Mutual Guidelines for Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Programs, you will be better prepared to provide a well-run, effective program at your parish. To access this information, log onto the Catholic Mutual website at www.catholicmutual.org, Login: 0178mad Password: service, and select Risk Management Info.

CHECKLIST

- Qualifications
  - ___ Graduate of an accredited school or college of nursing
  - ___ Currently licensed as a professional registered nurse (RN)
  - ___ 3 years or more of nursing experience in a clinical setting
  - ___ Possession of a valid driver’s license
  - ___ Credential and background check conducted

- Parish Nurse Program Partnered with Healthcare Institution (if applicable)
  - ___ Healthcare Institution Hold Harmless Indemnity Agreement completed
  - ___ Certificate of Insurance obtained from Healthcare Institution naming the parish and Arch/diocese as additional insured

- Transportation
  - ___ Verified minimum auto liability limits of $100,000 per person/$300,000 per accident
  - ___ Completed a motor vehicle record check (MVR)
  - ___ Has taken Be Smart – Drive Safe online defensive driving course
  - ___ Has taken Church Transportation – Is It Necessary and Ministry-Based?
• **Professional Boundaries**
  
  ____ Parish nurse is aware he/she cannot provide medical diagnosis, only referrals to physician or other healthcare provider as needed.
  
  ____ Parish nurse is aware he/she cannot dispense medications
  
  ____ Parish nurse is aware to report abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult to the appropriate governmental agency
  
  ____ Parish nurse is aware to keep confidential records in locked cabinet in accordance with HIPAA
Volunteer Administration Best Practices
Diocese of Madison
Volunteer Administration Best Practices

Q – Can volunteers be used as part of Church ministries?

A – Volunteers are an important aspect of Catholic Church ministries. When appropriate, volunteers should be used in assisting with the Church’s mission.

Q – What can be done to ensure that volunteers are safe and volunteer activities do not create unnecessary risk for the Church?

A – Catholic Mutual Group offers a variety of volunteer information which can be accessed by logging into the Catholic Mutual website, www.catholicmutual.org, Login: 0178mad Password: service, and selecting Risk Management Info.

Volunteer administration best practices are available to assist in the management of volunteers. Available resources include a brochure designed for volunteers, the Volunteer Quick Guide and a complete Volunteer Risk Management Manual. To get you started in successfully managing your volunteer program, consult the checklist below.

CHECKLIST
• Selection
   — Background check (as needed for Safe Environment compliance) has been completed
   — Safe Environment training has been done
• Volunteer Assignment
   — Appropriate age for volunteer position has been verified
   — Volunteers meet qualifications of the position
   — Volunteers have thorough understanding of what tasks are to be completed
   — Parental permission has been obtained for volunteers under 18
• Volunteer Orientation
   — Volunteers clearly understand duties
   — Supervision is in place
   — Volunteers have been trained on the proper use of equipment needed for the position
   — Volunteers have been given personal protective equipment (PPE) required to perform the task
   — Volunteers know what to do in case of injury
   — Volunteers have been given the Volunteers and the Catholic Church brochure
• Volunteer Drivers
   — Have completed Be Smart – Drive Safe training
   — Are a minimum 21 years of age or older
   — Possess a valid driver’s license and current license and vehicle registration
   — Have appropriate insurance requirements for vehicle in place ($100,000/$300,000)
   — Have undergone a Motor Vehicle Record Check (MVR)
   — Have been made aware that NO cell phones or other hand-held electronic devices can be used while driving

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Online Training
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Online Training

Q - What is online training?

A - Online training consists of several training videos. Each training video is under 20 minutes and are all free.

Q - Why is it important to take the training?

A - Our extensive experience in working with the Church has allowed us to provide specific training for your employees and volunteers. This training will further educate and reinforce loss prevention and risk management procedures. This in turn, helps our locations become safer and reduce the potential for injuries and claims.

Q - How do we access the training?

A - All training can be viewed on Catholic Mutual’s website, www.catholicmutual.org, Login: 0178mad Password: service, and select Online Training.

To assist with having appropriate staff and volunteers complete training related to their duties and responsibilities, an easy-to-use checklist is provided.

CHECKLIST

- **Transportation Training**
  - _____ Have all staff and volunteers who drive on your behalf successfully completed the defensive driving module, Be Smart-Drive Safe?
  - _____ Have youth ministers, transportation coordinators or anyone else who has transportation supervisory duties viewed the training Church Transportation – Is It Necessary And Ministry-Based?

- **Maintenance and Facility Training**
  - _____ Have all employee and volunteer maintenance staff and facility directors completed the following training modules: Preventative Maintenance; Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls; and Fire Safety?

- **Youth Ministry Training**
  - _____ Have all youth ministers, youth leaders and chaperones viewed the training module Youth Ministry – Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role?
• **Festival Training**

  ____ Have employees and volunteers involved in the administration and planning of parish festivals or high risk events viewed the training module *Safe and Successful Parish Festivals*?

• **The Business of the Church**

  ____ Has at least one individual at your location in charge of administrative responsibilities viewed the following modules?

    ____ **Best Practices in Human Resource Management**
    ____ **Best Practices for Facilities Usage Management and Operations**
    ____ **Best Practices for Financial Management and Cash Handling**
Catholic Mutual Group continuously strives to provide pertinent safety materials and resources for our members to enhance their risk management programs. With this in mind, Catholic Mutual began development of online training designed specifically for Catholic Church properties in the Fall of 2009.

Some reasons to take advantage of this training include:

- Available at no cost
- Unlimited use
- Easily accessed and viewed at the convenience of the trainee
- Each training takes less than 20 minutes
- Review questions provided at end of training
- Ability to track training results
- Some available in Spanish & French

Online training designed to address facility safety and risk management:

- Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls
- Fire Safety
- Preventative Maintenance

Online training designed to educate Youth Ministers, participants and parents in balancing ministry and fun:

- Youth Ministry: Everything Matters and Everyone Has a Role

Online training designed to educate individuals responsible for organizing parish festivals or other large-scale events:

- Safe and Successful Parish Festivals

The Business of the Church:

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