



# Rotary District 7670

Youth Protection  
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# RI Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary Activities.

It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

*Adopted by the RI Board of Directors, November 2002.*



# Primary Goals of Policy

1. Ensure all youth in Rotary programs are protected from abuse and harassment.
2. Ensure all Rotarians working with youth are properly screened and certified.
3. Ensure all Rotarians working with youth are oriented with youth protection policies/procedures
4. Ensure all Rotarians working with youth have an understanding of abuse and harassment and are familiar with reporting procedures.

# Becoming Certified:



- Complete and submit a background check
- Meet Rotary International/District eligibility requirements for working with youth
- Participate in District or Club Youth Protection orientation or training
- Understand and comply with the District Youth Protection Policy

# Policy Regarding Photographs and Media Publications

- Waiver Signed by Student's parent/Guardian
- Waivers can be disbursed with RYLA and Youth Exchange applications, and to Interact/Rotaract students at the beginning of the school year



# Understanding the Types of Abuse and Reporting

## Types of Abuse

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Sexual Harassment
- Emotional Harassment
- Emotional/Verbal Abuse
- Neglect
- Bullying

## Reporting Procedures

- Determination of Allegation
- Receive the Report
- Protect the young person
- Avoid making judgement
- Document Allegations
- Report to authorities/Rotary Officials
- Family Notification and Follow-Through