

# Sexual Abuse Prevention in Youth-Serving Organizations

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**The Foundation for Global Sports Development** regards the safety of young athletes as our number one priority. To ensure youth are being protected in organizations we support, **as of September 2017 we now require all youth-serving grant recipients to have a written policy which addresses the topic of sexual abuse.** The policy must address three key elements: **Prevention, Identification, and Reporting/Responding.**

For organizations that will be creating this for the first time, we encourage staff and leadership to have open discussions on this topic and make everyone – parents, coaches, volunteers, etc. – aware of the policy.

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## RESOURCES

We have compiled an assortment of resources which address sexual abuse in sport and youth organizations, particularly related to identifying, reporting, and preventing sexual abuse.

[Childhelp's Speak Up, Be Safe for Athletes Curriculum](#)

[The United States Olympic Committee - Safe Sport](#) - Organizations can register and require their volunteers, staff, and other individuals interacting with youth to take this online module course.

[Darkness to Light - End Child Sexual Abuse](#)

["Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-serving Organizations: Getting Started on Policies and Procedures"](#) - This all encompassing PDF booklet provides guidance on topics, such as screening, interaction guidelines, behavior monitoring, responding to inappropriate behavior, training, and prevention policies.

[Stop It Now! - Student Athletic Program Safety](#)

["Creating Organizational Policies to Prevent Sexual Abuse"](#) - Research article on the topic of creating policies for prevention and response.

[National Alliance for Youth Sports - Background Screening Resources](#)

[Sample Policy from Positive Coaching Alliance](#)

[Sample Policy from Ekklesia Project](#)

[Sample Policy from American Camp Association](#)