



BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: ***Safety of Minors***

SECTION I. SCOPE.

This policy provides for the safety of minors (persons under the age of 18, also “children”) on University of Minnesota campuses and facilities and in University programs.

SECTION II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

It is the policy of the Regents of the University of Minnesota to protect and provide a safe environment for children when they are on University premises, participate in University sponsored programs, or are in the care of University employees or University volunteers. Children come to the campuses and into the facilities of the University for many purposes including educational programs, recreational programs, childcare, cultural events, and athletic programs. These programs and opportunities provide immense benefits only available at the University. These programs have operated successfully on our campuses and facilities for many years and enriched the lives of tens of thousands of children. This policy is intended to support the continuation of this tradition and enhance the safety of minors on our campuses, in our facilities and in our programs. The policy applies to all minors on University premises and in University sponsored programs including, but not limited to, all enrolled students and Post Secondary Enrollment Option students.

SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION.

In order to assure the safety and wellbeing of children, the University shall adopt administrative policies and procedures that address children’s safety including, but not limited to the following:

1. Requiring all University employees and volunteers who have reason to believe that a child is being neglected or physically or sexually abused to make an immediate report of the neglect or abuse to a law enforcement or social service agency.
2. Requiring background checks of all University employees and volunteers where appropriate and who have significant contact with or supervise children on campus.
3. Requiring appropriate training for University employees on the identification and reporting of neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse of children and the notification requirements mandated by policy and Minnesota law.
4. Establishing appropriate requirements for the safety of children participating in University-sponsored programs.

5. Identifying and assuring compliance with all state or federal laws relating to the safety of children.

All University employees and volunteers shall cooperate in the effort to protect children and provide for their safety on our campuses, in our facilities and in our programs.

SECTION IV. DELEGATION.

The president or delegate shall maintain appropriate administrative policies and procedures and implement programs to protect and advance the safety of children.

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