



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
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SWIM COACHES FORUM

CHILD PROTECTION

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TODAY WE WILL:

- **Highlight data trends around child protection**
 - Scenarios
- **Equip you with resources specific to swimming**
- **Engage you in next steps**

READ THE ROOM

How many years have you been coaching?

READ THE ROOM

YMCA staff and volunteers are required to report child abuse, sexual exploitation, and sexual misconduct involving:

- a) Y staff (current/former)
- b) Y volunteers (current/former)
- c) Members (current/former)
- d) Youth participants
- e) Minor employees
- f) All of the above

READ THE ROOM

What keeps you up at night?

READ THE ROOM

Have you heard from me in the last 6 months?

365 DAYS OF ACTION

- Monthly
- Seasonal, timely and relevant topics
- YMCA and non-YMCA resources

the Y

365 DAYS OF ACTION

Our Commitment to Child Protection at the Y

September Focus: Youth Sports

These resources and activities can help your Y prepare for a safe youth sports season.

WHY IT MATTERS

Many YMCAs operate youth sports programs throughout the year. Running these programs require coaches and volunteers who are screened and trained to prevent, report and respond to abuse. When a safe environment is created, the benefits of sport can last a lifetime.

Training and Learning Opportunities

- [Sports and Risk Management Peer Community Calls](#) (Oct. 10)
- [Sports Leadership Meeting](#) (Nov. 12-13 in Jacksonville, FL)

[September 2024 365 Days of Action on Link](#)

ABUSE IN SPORT: SAFESPORT REPORTING



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ALLEGATION TYPES (2021-23)

	2023	2022	2021	TOTAL
Sexual Misconduct	1,584	1,251	825	3,660
Criminal Disposition	604	479	361	1,444
Emotional/Physical Misconduct	2,722	2,039	1,118	5,879
Other Inappropriate Conduct	626	509	366	1,501
Aiding & Abetting	26	37	50	113
Misconduct Related to Reporting	280	350	288	918
Abuse of Process	146	169	88	403
Retaliation	124	129	94	344
Violation of MAAPP Policy	480	365	241	1,086
No Applicable Policy	98	106	79	283
Total	6,690	5,431	3,510	15,631

Please note: Multiple allegations may apply to a single matter.

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ABUSE IN SPORT: SAFESPORT DISCIPLINARY DATABASE

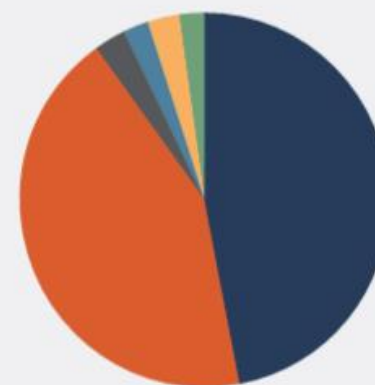
CENTRALIZED DISCIPLINARY DATABASE (CDD):

(as of 12/31/2023)

2,040 INDIVIDUALS LISTED

The CDD is a resource designed to keep the public informed when adults connected with the Movement are either subject to certain temporary restrictions pending investigation by the Center or certain sanctions after an investigation found them in violation of the SafeSport Code. The database also contains certain eligibility decisions made by NGBs, their LAOs, or the USOPC, including those rendered prior to the establishment of the Center. Minors do not appear on the CDD.

CDD ACTION TYPE BREAKDOWN



- Ineligible **47%**
- Permanent Ineligibility **43%**
- Temporary Suspension **3%**
- Temporary Restriction(s) **2%**
- Suspension **3%**
- Suspended from All Contact w/ Minors **2%**

[VIEW DEFINITIONS OF CATEGORIES](#)

Please note: The CDD includes two more action types: limited participation and probation but both represent less than 1% of the types of action the Center takes. CDD numbers change frequently as Respondents with temporary suspensions and restrictions come off the CDD and others are added.

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CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS

- About 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 20 boys in the United States experience child sexual abuse.
- Someone known and trusted by the child or child's family members, perpetrates 91% of child sexual abuse.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022, April 6). *Fast Facts: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*.
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html#print>

HOW TO REPORT TO Y-USA

 **LINK**

Compose

NEW

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Welcome to Link!
A place to connect, share, and engage as a Y Movement

Search in full network

Home

Customize


Learning & Career Development Center (LCDC)


Brand Resource Center (BRC)


Job Openings


Report an Abuse or Aquatic Incident


Request Support for Your Y


Practice Leadership


Link Quick Guide

INCIDENT REPORTING TO Y-USA

What It Is	What it is Not
Casting a broad net	Punitive
All allegations of adult-to-youth and youth-to-youth sexual activity	Determination of guilt/innocence/fault
Occurring inside and outside of Y (ex. child sexual exploitation material)	An investigation
Current staff/volunteer and former staff/volunteer	
System to provide support and collect/analyze trends	

AQUATIC SPACES ARE UNIQUE BECAUSE...

Attire, showers, bathrooms

Supervision can be tricky

SafeSport is an added layer

INCIDENT REPORT DATA TRENDS

**Youth to Youth
Problematic
Sexual Behavior
(Peer-to-Peer)**

**Code of
Conduct
Violations**

RESOURCES

**Praesidium
Academy**

capinfo@praesidiuminc.com

SafeSport

uscenterforsafesport.org

**Redwoods
Group**

redwoodsgroup.com

NOW AVAILABLE

SAFESPORT READY™ APP

RECOGNIZE ABUSE IN SPORT AND RESPOND

From morning swim practice or afternoons spent on the soccer field, the SafeSport Ready mobile app helps parents of youth athletes and other adults understand what abuse in sport is and how to address it.



[SafeSport Ready App](#)

WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

Walk through the following scenarios.

Identify what resources or supports might be missing or needed.

Note: The following scenarios do not reflect a single organization or YMCA.

WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

A coach who is also a parent of a youth demonstrates red-flag behavior (grooming, boundary violations) with a youth participant (athlete).

Parents/caregivers are afraid to report.

RESOURCE

**Praesidium Helpline
855-347-0751
(or, your YMCA's hotline)**

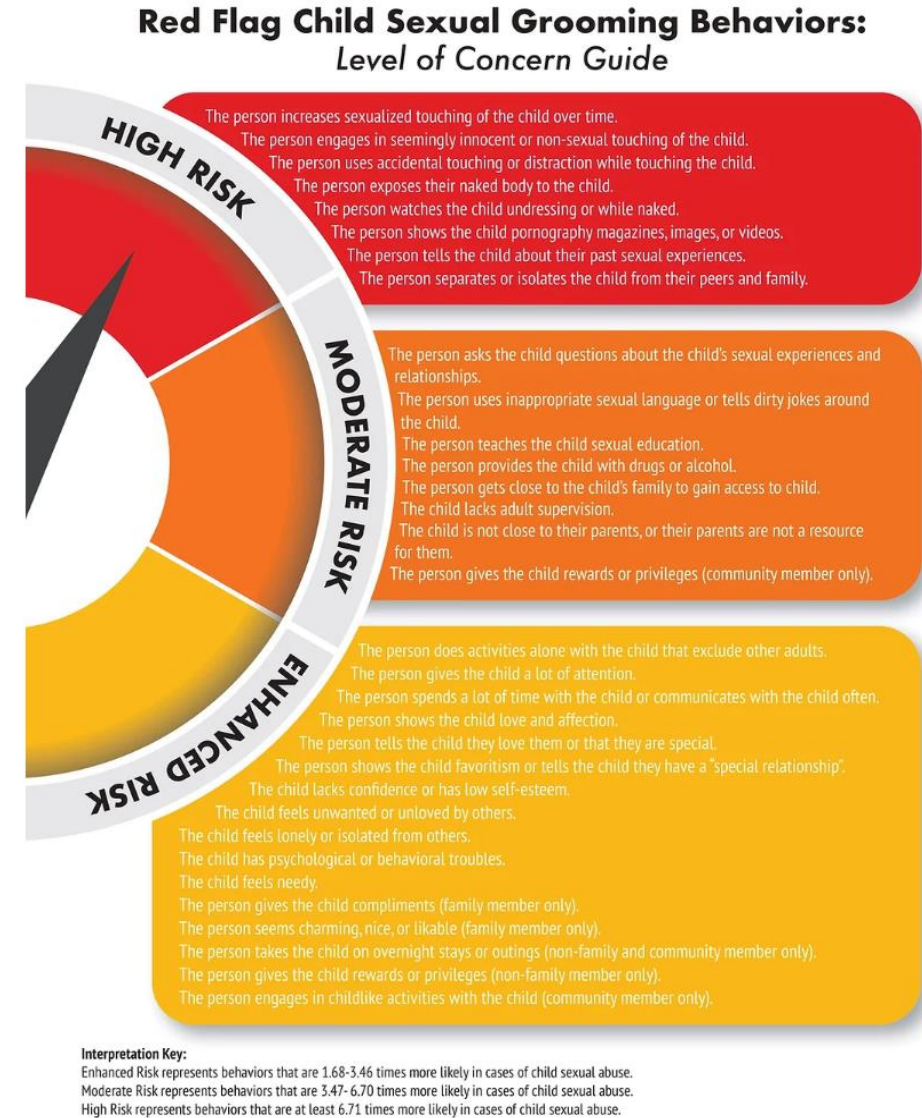
SafeSport for Parents

**Code of Conduct for
Staff/Volunteers**

RESOURCE

Identification of Red Flag Sexual Grooming Behaviors

Dr. Elizabeth L. Jeglic



WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

Youth 1 stands in the doorway of bathroom stall so Youth 2 cannot leave. Youth 1 demands Youth 2 touch their genitals.

Youth 2 touches the genitals of Youth 1 and later discloses to a family member what happened.

RESOURCE



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CAP AT CAMP

Tools to Strengthen Youth Protection
YMCA OF THE USA

AUDIENCE

Camp Directors

QUICK SUMMARY

Use these tools to strengthen
child abuse prevention
education and evaluation
systems at camp.

[CAP at Camp on Link](#)



**Code of Conduct for
Youth**

WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

21-year-old coach sends inappropriate Snapchats to 17-year-old youth participant.

Participant tells their friend and friend reports.

RESOURCE

**Praesidium Helpline
855-347-0751**

**SafeSport for Kids and
Young Athletes**

**Code of Conduct for
Staff/Volunteers**

**National Center for Missing
and Exploited Children
(NCMEC) CyberTipline and
TakeItDown**

WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

Attendee at youth sports game/competition is observed taking photographs of youth in vulnerable positions or situations.

Examples: Warmup and stretching, post-game and upset

RESOURCE

**Best Practices for Sharing
Social Media Content During
Youth Competitive Sports
Events (YMCA)**

**Emotional and Physical
Abuse and Misconduct
Toolkit (SafeSport)**

**Visual cues and reminders
about etiquette
(Example: Signage)**

WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING?

Member contacts you to tell you one of your volunteer coaches is listed on SafeSport's Disciplinary Database.

RESOURCE

**Praesidium Screening and
Selection Toolkit**

Readiness Cohort



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**COMPASSIONATE.
SWIFT.
THOROUGH.**

**Preparing for and Responding to
Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse**

A Guide for YMCAs

[Response Guide on Link](#)

HOW CAN I (OR MY Y) ENGAGE FURTHER?

**Equipping
Families
and
Caregivers**

**Five Days of
Action &
365 Days of
Action**

**Engage in
your Youth
Protection
Committee**

**Sign up for
Google
Alerts for
SafeSport**

Q&A AND TAKEAWAYS



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