



The following entry has been added to the “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” section of our CTC MinistrySafe webpage.

Who are “vulnerable persons” and how do we include them in our safety system?

The Central Texas Conference recognizes that a local church may be in ministry with specific vulnerable populations who are not necessarily defined as youth or children, yet may need comparable protection and supervision. For instance, churches with ministry to young adults with profound mental or physical disabilities and their families. The approved 2014 “Resolution to Adopt MinistrySafe Safety System” states:

“One definition of ‘vulnerable persons’ is one who because of physical or mental infirmity or emotional disability or other physical, mental or emotional dysfunction may be vulnerable to maltreatment. Vulnerable persons are those who serve and can be in a position where accusations of abuse could mistakenly arise; or who have been abused either as a child or an adult.”

There is not a separate or unique MinistrySafe policy for such vulnerable persons. However, a local church Safety Committee may use the CTC Children/Youth policies as a starting point for best ministry practices and create its own procedures for protecting such vulnerable persons within its ministry and care.

And don’t forget about the NEW, optional Skillful Screening Training video available

to your key leaders responsible for Ministry Safe.

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