



# Safe Church, Safe Communities

## Training Requirements

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, following the model of The Episcopal Church, has adopted the *Safe Church, Safe Communities* curriculum to provide appropriate training for those in leadership positions in our congregations and organizations as well as for those who minister to children, youth or vulnerable adults.

The *Safe Church, Safe Communities* curriculum is delivered in the form of eight online modules on the Praesidium Academy platform ([www.praesidiumacademy.com](http://www.praesidiumacademy.com)). To request access to Praesidium Academy, complete this form: <https://episcopalpgh.formstack.com/forms/safechurch>.

All clergy, staff employees and vestry members as well as volunteers whose work and/or ministry directly involves children, youth or vulnerable adults must complete the following eight modules:

**Introduction and Theological Background \***

**Organizational Rules and Policies \***

**Healthy Boundaries \***

**Inclusion \***

**Abuse and Neglect**

**Power and Relationships**

**Pastoral Relationships**

**Bullying**

They must also (i) complete the independent module **Duty to Report: Mandated Reporter** and (ii) review on the Praesidium website the Diocese's **Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth** and/or **Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults** (as appropriate). Successful completion of each step will be recorded on the Praesidium Academy website, from which certificates and a transcript are available for downloading.

The total time required for completing all required steps is approximately four and a half hours. Training must be renewed every three years.

*[For full details about the required training, see Section V of either the Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth or the Policy for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.]*

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\* NOTE: Modules followed by an asterisk may also be required for individuals whose work places them in a position where they could inadvertently encounter children, youth or vulnerable adults. For details, consult the Policy documents adopted by the relevant congregation or organization.