



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). To request access to Praesidium Academy, complete this form: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/safechurchreg>.

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.]

* 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.