



# Bedford Presbyterian Church

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## **Bedford Presbyterian Church Recovery Trip Safe Haven Policy**

Youth: anyone under 18 years of age Adult: anyone 18 years of age and over

Abuse: non-accidental physical injury caused by an adult, sexual contact, neglect, intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The Safe Haven objective is to create a safe and secure environment that protects children from harm and abuse within our recovery trip group. In seeking to accomplish this, we also strive to protect adults by reducing legal risk and liability exposure in case of potential accusation. As a recovery team family, we will strive to abide by these policies on our trip and to rectify any misunderstandings:

- A minimum of two adults should be present with one or more youth at all times. The two adults should not be related to each other. At least one adult must be the same sex as the youth; both male and female adults/chaperones should be present for mixed groups of youth.
- For large groups, the ratio of adult to youth should be one to four.
- The two adult rule and adult to youth ratio should be maintained at all times.
- Youth may not leave the group, facility, or jobsite without per recovery and without adult supervision.
- For overnight activities, separate sleeping quarters, bathrooms and shower facilities for males and females must be provided.
- Think safety, especially in recreational settings and at jobsites.
- Adults (parents, chaperones, team leaders) are responsible to supervise youth members on the recovery team.