

## Preventive child protection



The value of life - divine.

Divine life - without loss of value.

The task - to make life worth living.

### Guidelines for preventive child protection

Brochure from the Working Group of Bible-oriented Austrian Youth, ABÖJ

#### Introduction

Because the topic of sexual abuse is a recurring theme in the general public, but above all because people with whom we come into contact deserve to be dealt with adequately and sensitively, we have written this guideline.

#### Target

The contents of this guideline are intended to raise awareness of the issue. Because unfortunately, even in circles that are oriented towards Christian values, insensitive behavior can occur, up to and including sexual exploitation.

To avoid abuse in any form, preventive work is an important focus of this booklet.

Further, this booklet provides concrete assistance and shows how to react professionally in suspected or confirmed cases.

#### Target Audience

The guideline on "Child protection - sexual abuse" is addressed to:

- Staff in children's, teens' and youth ministry to sensitize them to the issue and create awareness of healthy closeness and distance
- Church leaders, elders, and pastors, to support and train them in their ministry and staff selection
- Parents to protect their children from potential dangers

The booklet includes texts on:

- Explanation of terms
- Preventing sexual exploitation
- Preventive work as a responsible leader
- Preventive work as an employee
- Preventive work as a parent
- Seven prevention points

- Rules of conduct
- Hey situations + special circumstances
- Code of Conduct
- Assistance
- Actions
- What do I do if I suspect boundary violations?
  - What do I do when a victim confides in me?
  - If you are a victim of sexual exploitation yourself
  - What about the perpetrator?
  - General information
  - Specialist advice centres and further links
  - Afterword
  - Members of the Youth Alliance
  - List of sources

## Code of Conduct

Every person is created in the image of God, an individual with their own personality. Our work with the young people entrusted to us is therefore characterized by respect, appreciation and trust.

- There are 7 points
- Declaration with signature

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