

# Things You Should Know About Youth Protection Guidelines



Adapted from the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines

As a member of CKI, you are considered an adult in the Kiwanis Family. All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis Family event are expected to abide by the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines ([www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection)). This sheet serves as a condensed version with the information that CKI members need to know. In addition, decisions should be made in accordance with all laws and school policies.

- Youth include all persons who are 17 years of age or younger.
- An adult is anyone 18 years of age or older.

## Overnight Stays

- No CKI member should share a sleeping room with a youth. (ex: hotel/dormitory)
  - **Exception:** A parent sharing a sleeping room with his/her own child.
  - **Exception:** Cabins or other large sleeping rooms, which are single-gender with two or more adults.

## Transportation

- If transporting youth in a vehicle there should be a second adult in the vehicle.
  - If not possible, at least three people should be in the vehicle at all times.

## Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption

- CKI members are expected to refrain from consumption of alcohol and tobacco products during any portion of an event with youth.
  - Alcohol is banned at International events and most district events (refer to district bylaws for clarification)

## Reporting

- If troubling, unsafe or illegal behavior is observed involving a youth at an event appropriate personnel and law enforcement should be immediately contacted.

## Social Networking

- Never initiate connections (ex: sending a friend request) with youth
- Avoid inappropriate comments on social networking sites
- Refrain from excessive interactions (ex: constantly "liking" a posts on Facebook)

For complete information, check the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines.

[www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection](http://www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection)