Sample Volunteer Covenant Statement

**This is a sample form. Please tailor your congregation's form to comply with your congregation's Safe Sanctuaries policies.*

The congregation of _____ is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children, youth, workers, and volunteers who participate in ministries and activities sponsored by the church. The following policy statements reflect our congregation's commitment to pre- serving this church as a holy place of safety and protection for all who would enter and as a place in which all people can experience the love of God through relationships with others.

1. No adult who has been convicted of child abuse (either sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, or emotional abuse) should volunteer to work with children or youth in any church-sponsored activity.
2. All adult volunteers involved with children or youth of our church must have been members of the congregation for at least six months before beginning a volunteer assignment.
3. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall always observe the two-adult rule so that no adult is left alone with children or youth on a routine basis.
4. Adult volunteers with children and youth shall attend regular training and educational events provided by the church to keep volunteers informed of church policies and state laws regarding child abuse.
5. Adult volunteers shall immediately report to their supervisor any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate.

Place your initials next to the following statements to confirm your agreement.

1. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to observe and abide by all church policies regarding working in ministries with children and youth. _
2. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to always observe the two-adult rule. __
3. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to abide by the six-month rule before beginning a volunteer assignment. _____
4. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to participate in training and education events provided by the church related to my volunteer assignment. _____
5. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to promptly report abusive or inappropriate behavior to my supervisor. _
6. As a volunteer in this congregation, I agree to inform a minister of this church if I have ever been convicted of child abuse. _____

I have read this volunteer covenant statement, and I agree to observe and abide by the policies set forth above.

Signature of Volunteer _____ Date

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Print full name