



# Introducing Safeguarding Online™

## What is Safeguarding Online™?

*Safeguarding Online™* teaches you how to keep our children and vulnerable adults safe from abuse and how to protect yourself from false allegations of abuse. The *Safeguarding Online™* training program was developed jointly by the Church Pension Group and Praesidium Inc. The step by step courses are interactive and easy to understand. Just log on to a high-speed internet connection and you are ready to begin!

While all persons within congregations throughout the diocese are encouraged to participate, diocesan policy requires the following groups to complete this training.

- All Clergy.
- All paid personnel.
- Volunteers- including advisory boards, vestries, Bishop's committees, nursery staff, Children choir directors, Lay youth ministers, Eucharistic, visitors, adults transporting children to events, Church nursery staff,
- Camp Cross volunteers.

## When should I start your Safeguarding Online™

We ask that you please begin your courses within 30 days of your date of hire or engagement.

## How do I get started?

You will need access to high speed internet for the Safeguarding Online™ courses. See the Quick Start Guide for step-by-step instructions.

## What Courses will I be taking?

- Meet Sam- 30 minutes  
Sam is a sex offender. In this course, he tells you how he gets away with it- in institutions just like yours. You learn the types of sexual abusers and methods they use to get their own needs met. You also learn how to spot interactions between adults and children they may indicate change. (.5CEUs)
- It Happened to Me- 30 minutes  
In this course you hear children and adults describe the devastating effects abuse has had on their lives. You learn about the prevalence of abuse and specific characteristics that may put some children at higher risk of abuse. (.5CEUs)

- Keeping Your Church Safe- 30 minutes  
In this course, you learn when and where abuse is most likely to occur in church programs, the steps you can take to keep children safe and how to protect yourself from false allegations of abuse. (.5CEUs)

**Welcome Aboard!**

Choose your course and click on the title to begin. Each course will end with a brief quiz that you must pass for credit. Your institutions Administrative Module will be updated when you have completed your required courses.

**Questions?**

Please contact the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane Office at 509 624-3191.