

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parents,

The U.S.C.C.B. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires Safe Environment training for students in grades K-12 on child sexual abuse awareness and prevention. This training occurs annually in every Catholic School in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The Public schools in CT provide mandatory child sexual abuse prevention training developed by The Department of Children and Families in collaboration with the CT Department of Education (Connecticut Public Act 14-196). We encourage you to learn about the programs in place in your child's school <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Publications/Statewide-K12--Sexual-Assault-Abuse--Prevention-Awareness--Program-Guidelines/Introduction>.

Safe Environment training teaches important safety skills to help children recognize and safely respond to early warning signs of unsafe situations in their environment.

In the Diocese of Bridgeport, we recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. It is important to know that Safe Environment training is intended to assist you as parents by reinforcing the safety information that you are teaching your child at home and the information that your child receives in their school. We will show Safe Environment training video in age-appropriate groups on Date: _____

These training information may be found at www.netsmartz.org and kidsmartz.org and the videos are also on our diocesan website <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/safe-environment-for-parents-and-children/>

If for any reason you *do not* wish for your child to participate in Safe Environment training, we must receive the opt-out form below signed by you no later than _____ If we do not receive this form by this date your child will be permitted to attend.

Thank you

Janet Wrabel
Director of Faith Formation

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
OPT-OUT FORM**

Please sign and return this form to the Pastor or Director of Faith Formation
ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to participate.

I have received Safe Environment training materials and I have verified that my child's school provides a similar Safe Environment training program addressing child sexual abuse awareness and prevention. I do not wish for my child to attend Safe Environment training at this time.

Name of Parish: St. Stephen Church

Town: Trumbull

Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

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Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Comments/Questions: _____
