

ROADMAP to Becoming a Safer Church

Become a safer church by developing an **Abuse Response and Prevention Plan**.
The journey starts here!

PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY



Identify leaders for the journey



Set a timeline



Gather information about your church



Learn how managing risk can make your church safer so that your ministries may flourish

CREATE YOUR POLICY

Create your church's **Abuse Response and Prevention POLICY** to guide you on the journey

Here you'll review all the things your church does (what, why, how, where, when) and who does them

OPERATIONS

- Identify and assess risks of abuse
- Identify measures to address the risks

- VBS
- Youth Group
- Sunday School

GOVERNANCE

- Identify and assess risks of abuse
- Identify measures to address the risks

Here you'll review how your church is structured and managed

- Deacons
- Members
- Pastoral Team

FOUNDATION

- Identify and assess risks of abuse
- Identify measures to address the risks

- Constitution
- Mission Statement
- Covenant

Here you'll review what grounds your church: your mission, values, constitution, covenants

INTANGIBLES

- Identify and assess risks of abuse
- Identify measures to address the risks

Here you'll review your church's atmosphere, culture, and environment

- Hope
- Fear
- Commitment

Your church's **Abuse Response and Prevention PLAN** includes:

1 The **POLICY** you created at the start of the journey

2 The **MEASURES** you identified along the way

PUT YOUR PLAN TOGETHER AND USE IT

WELCOME to a safer church!

