

PRAESIDIUM ACADEMY

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING

You will be set-up to access Praesidium Academy, the online training system that provides Sexual Abuse Prevention training to employees and volunteers working within the Diocese of Calgary. The purpose of the training is to ensure that as adults, we assume the responsibility and accountability for keeping our minors and vulnerable adults safe at all times. The objectives of the training are:

- To gain an understanding of what sexual abuse is
- To identify how molesters gain access to children
- To gain an understanding of the impact of abuse on victims
- Learn how to create a safe environment
- Learn what to do if a child or other vulnerable adult discloses abuse to you

We require all volunteers in the Diocese to complete the following four modules or C.A.S.E.:

- Meet Sam
- It Happened to Me
- Keeping Your Church Safe
- Your Policies (review of the Diocese Agreement to the Code of Pastoral Conduct & Accountability)

Individuals working with minors (under the age of 18) are required to also complete:

- Duty to Report Mandated Reporter
- Preventing Bullying
- Social Media Safety

Individuals working with vulnerable adults are required to also complete:

- Preventing Elder Abuse and Neglect
- Preventing Abuse Against Adults with Disabilities

All volunteers are required to complete the *Abuse Prevention Refresher* module or an equivalent Praesidium course (as determined by the Diocese) every 2 years.

Questions or concerns regarding Praesidium Academy training should be directed to the individual responsible for ensuring that you have completed this screening requirement or the Human Resources Office of the Diocese (humanresources@calgarydiocese.ca).