



Policy for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Affidavit

The ministry to children and youth thrives on trustworthy relationships of people with each other and with God. Trust is vital and is not to be taken advantage of at the expense of the children and teenagers. This is why I hereby solemnly assure that I am neither charged with a sexual offense nor have any previous convictions with respect to sexual abuse.

1. I further vow to do my utmost to prevent boundary violations, sexual abuse, and sexualized violence within the sphere of Word of Life Camp Ministries.
2. I will protect the boys and girls entrusted to me from harm, danger, abuse, and violence of any kind.
3. I will respect the personal space of the boys and girls and I am sensitive to the individual needs for physical boundaries they might express or imply.
4. I will respect their privacy and the personal boundaries of shame of both staff and campers.
5. In my capacity as a staff person I will endeavor to consciously perceive the sexual dimension of relationships in order to contribute to a responsible handling of physical closeness and distance.
6. As a staff person I will not take advantage of my position in order to establish a sexual relationship with the young people entrusted to me.
7. I will not turn a blind eye to possible boundary violations on the part of other staff members or group participants. If they occur, I will not cover them up but will actively contribute to resolving the issue.
8. I will turn to the designated representative of Word of Life in order to receive competent help should a concrete situation arise that demands that kind of attention.
9. I give my consent to WOL Lake Koeris conducting a background check on my person in the context of my application and my involvement in the camp program at any time.

Place and Date

Name (please print legibly)

Signature