

Saint Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church Volunteer/Worker Youth Safety Policy

Dear Saint Spyridon Volunteer/Worker,

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our youth programs. Your dedication helps make these valuable opportunities possible for the children of our parish. As a youth volunteer, youth worker, parish council member, or ministry staff member serving in the Metropolis of Chicago, you are required to follow the youth safety policies of the [Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America](https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/), **before you begin working with youth and/or our parish**. The Archdiocese believes that children and youth should be safe at every youth ministry program or event. These policies are mandatory and apply to all parishes, ministries, and councils in the Archdiocese of America, which includes the Metropolis of Chicago.

What are the requirements (mandates)?

Step 1) Register annually on the Archdiocese Youth Safety Platform, updating contact information and completing the Code of Conduct. Log in to this website to register or re-register. <https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/>

Step 2) Screen every two years with a background check

Step 3) Complete online training every year on youth safety topics

- ❖ To be compliant with the system, you must show as active and up to date with no restrictions in all 3 components listed above.
- ❖ **Support Teams:**
 - **Virtus Support** (registration, training, compliance): Email goarchsupport@virtus.org, Phone 1-888-847-8870.
 - **Sterling Volunteers Support** (background checks): Email goarchsupport@sterlingvolunteers.com, Phone 1-855-326-1860 (Option 2, enter 6548)

3 ways to get to the Youth Safety Policy Registration Platform...

Scan the QR code to the right

Click on this link: [YOUTH SAFETY PLATFORM](https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/)

Type this url address into your computer's search bar:

<https://ncsrisk.org/goarch/>



Sincerely,

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Youth Safety Administrator