

BRIEF SUMMARY OF NAYEN YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

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Youth Protection Training

1. All Rotary districts are required to provide Youth Protection Training.
2. The North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) maintains an online youth protection training program for host families and volunteers in all Rotary youth programs.

Some Youth Protection Guidelines

1. Always treat students with respect and request that others do the same.
2. Touch and hug students only in ways that are appropriate for teenage children in your family.
3. However, be aware that the appropriateness of hugging and other forms of touching vary considerably from one culture to another.
4. Respect the right of the student to privacy.
5. Never engage in or allow physical force or emotional abuse or harassment.
6. Never make sexually suggestive comments, even as a joke.
7. Spending excessive time alone with a student is never a good idea.
8. Communicate immediately with Rotary if there are allegations or suspicions of abuse or harassment.

Youth Protection Responsibilities

In the event the host family knows of or suspects the student has been abused or harassed they must:

1. First, ensure the immediate safety of the student until Rotary takes over the process.
2. Second, immediately report the abuse or harassment to Rotary.