

Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church Safe Child Response Team Procedure

The Safe Child Response Team is responsible for ensuring that the Church's policy on reporting abuse and all relevant laws are followed. They are NOT responsible for determining the guilt or innocence of the accused.

This team consists of the current chair of Personnel, the moderator of deacons, and the pastor. The Executive Presbyter of Snake River Presbytery will also be consulted as an ex-officio member of the team. There may also be two additional at-large members.

When a member of the Safe Child Response Team is approached by someone wishing to report abuse, they must adhere to the following procedure:

1. If there is any reason to suspect immediate danger, ensuring everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. If needed, call 911 to request emergency responders.
2. Immediately (within 24 hours) contact the other members of the team and seek guidance from the Executive Presbyter.
 - a. If the other members of the team are unavailable, keep trying to contact them and continue with the rest of this procedure.
3. Immediately (within 24 hours) contact the appropriate emergency services and alert them to the situation as reported.
 - a. The accuser may also contact emergency services themselves, which is appropriate and should be encouraged.
4. Procure a written report detailing the incident(s) and response taken (ideally, this will be written by the accuser). The report should include as much detail as possible, including the date(s) and time(s). This must be signed by the accuser and all the members of the Safe Child Response Team.
 - a. The accuser should keep a copy for their records, and a second copy will be kept in the church office.
5. Remember: the privacy of all involved is of the utmost importance. Do not share details with other church members, community members, or the media.

2026 Important Names & Phone Numbers

Pastor: Rev. Katey Schwind Williams, 208-696-1214
Chair of Personnel: Howard Van Slyke, 208-250-1398
Chair of Deacons: Jan Van Slyke, 208-250-5105
Executive Presbyter (Interim): Rachel Yates, 303-809-2626
At Large Member: Kathy Neufeld, 208-453-8420
At Large Member: Rick Mack, 541-786-4662

To report child abuse, neglect or abandonment:

Treasure Valley Hotline: 208-334-KIDS (5437)
Statewide Hotline: 855-552-KIDS (5437)
Caldwell Police: 208-455-3115
Canyon County Sheriff: 208-454-7510