

Sacramento Buddhist Church Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Policies

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why does the Sacramento Buddhist Church (SBC) have a Child Abuse and Neglect Policy?

A. Assembly Bill 506 (Gonzales, 2021) requires a youth organization to develop and implement child abuse prevention policies and procedures that, among other things, ensure the reporting of suspected incidents of child abuse to persons or entities outside of the organization. AB 506 also requires administrators, employees, or regular volunteers of a youth service organization to complete child abuse and neglect reporting training.

Q. Where can I find a copy of SBC's Child Abuse and Neglect Policy?

A. A copy of SBC's policy is available on SBC's website here: <https://www.buddhistchurch.org/youth-protection-policy>

Q. Who is required to complete child abuse and neglect reporting training?

A. In addition to administrators and employees of the youth service organization, all volunteers who meet all of the following criteria:

- Are 18 years of age or older,
- Have direct contact with, or supervision of, children; and
- Direct contact is more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year.

Q. Where can I take the mandated training?

A. Training is available from the California Department of Social Services – Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP): <https://www.mandatedreporterca.com/>

Q. Is there a cost for the training?

A. No, the training is free.

Q. How often do I need to take the training?

A. All employees and volunteers are required to retake the training every two years. The two years begins the date the training is completed and the certificate issued.

Q. Which training class should I take?

A. Most people will take the Volunteer Training course. However, SBC employees (including Sakura Gakuen employees) must take the General Training and the School Personnel Training or Clergy Training, as applicable.

- Volunteer Training (~2 hours)
 - Ideal for volunteers, this training provides an overview of the California Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Act, including significant definitions, requirements and protections.
 - This is a stand-alone training that does not require completion of the general training course.
 - <https://www.mandatedreporterca.com/training/volunteers>
- General Training (~4 hours)(SBC Employees, ministers, Sakura Gakuen administrators and teachers)
 - General training provides an overview of the California Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Act, non-profession specific and ideal as a precursor for other courses.
 - <https://www.mandatedreporterca.com/training/general-training>

- School Personnel (~3 hours)(Sakura Gakuen Administrators and Teachers)
 - The School Personnel training satisfies the requirements of AB 1432 and should be taken by every Mandated Reporter that works in a school environment.
 - Prerequisite – General Training
 - <https://www.mandatedreporterca.com/training/school-personnel>
- Clergy Training (~2 hours)(SBC Ministers and Minister Assistants)
 - The Clergy training focuses on specific situations and concerns related to the evaluation and reporting of child abuse by members of clergy.
 - Prerequisite – General Training
 - <https://www.mandatedreporterca.com/training/clergy>

Q. I have completed the training, what else do I do?

A. A copy of (1) your mandated reporter training completion certificates, (2) signed Acknowledgement of SBC Youth Protection Policy, and (3) Authorization for Background Check should be emailed to SBC's Mandated Reporter Coordinator, Michael Watanabe, at mlwatanabe@sbcglobal.net.

(4) Then take the Request for Live Scan Service Form (BCIA 8016) available on SBC's website to a Live Scan Location.

Q. Where do I find a Live Scan Satellite location to be fingerprinted?*

A. Live Scan Satellite locations can be located on the California Attorney General's website here: <https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/>

Q. Will SBC reimburse me for the cost of the Live Scan?*

A. Yes, submit your receipts to the church for reimbursement.

Q. I have already completed a Live Scan for another purpose (i.e. school employee, law enforcement, school parent volunteer, scouts, etc.), do I need to complete it for SBC as well?

A. Yes, each Live Scan form contains a code unique to SBC for receiving criminal record reports.

Q. I have already completed the applicable mandated reporter training, do I need to take it for SBC as well?

A. No, simply provide copies of the training completion certificate(s) to SBC's Mandated Reporter Coordinator, Michael Watanabe, at mlwatanabe@sbcglobal.net. As a reminder, training expires every two years from the date of completion.

***On occasion, SBC will coordinate group Live Scan events. All volunteers and employees will be notified of Live Scan events hosted by SBC.**