

## **Protection of Minors Procedures**

## Per <u>ISUPP 1080</u>, the following procedural guidelines apply to University programs that interact with minors. When preparing for an event with minors, please adhere to the following procedures:

- 1. Complete the Event Acknowledgement and Certification form and send it to Risk Management via email.
- 2. Provide Risk Management with detailed program information, including the event date and location, number and age range of participants, supervisors, planned activities, ISU-provided transportation, overnight arrangements, food and beverage provisions, and involvement of a third party.
- 3. Discuss the need for an Assumption of Risk (AOR) or Waiver of Liability with Risk Management and/or have your previous Waiver or AOR reviewed by Risk Management.
  - a. Provide Risk Management with a list of specific risks involved with the event and include your plans to mitigate or address those risks.
  - b. Departments must store completed AORs in a manner that allows them to provide copies to Risk Management upon request and must adhere to the Idaho Records Retention Schedule.
- 4. Volunteers must sign a Volunteer Services Agreement (VSA) and a Background Check Authorization form.
  - a. Send signed Background Check Authorization forms to Risk Management at least 2 weeks before the event. Risk Management will complete the checks and inform you of the volunteer's eligibility. Background checks must be done before volunteer service begins.
  - b. Departments must store completed VSAs in a manner that allows them to provide copies to Risk Management upon request and must adhere to the Idaho Records Retention Schedule.
- 5. Ensure all Authorized Adults overseeing the program are aware of policy requirements.
  - a. All ISU employees, except temporary and student employees, must complete the Protection of Minors Training before working with minors. See <u>instructions</u> for accessing training.
  - b. All Authorized Adults should receive a **<u>Protection of Minors Brochure</u>** for quick policy reference.
- 6. Third Party Involvement:
  - a. Third parties will be subject to all of the above requirements. Exceptions are as follows: If the third party is primarily hosting the event they will not need to sign a Volunteer Services Agreement as they would not be acting on behalf of ISU. If the third party is a school district and all adults are employed by the school district, they will not need to complete the background check process at ISU. Please consult Risk Management for clarification.
  - b. Third parties sponsoring or co-sponsoring an event on ISU campus must provide a Certificate of Insurance. This is not required for other government agencies/organizations.
  - c. Discuss the need for a Facilities Use Agreement with Risk Management.

All questions or concerns should be directed to Risk Management: risk@isu.edu or (208) 282-5741.