

## YWAM Chiang Mai Child Protection Guidelines

#### THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF CHILD ABUSE

*Physical Abuse*: Physical injury to a child, or **failure to prevent** physical injury, or suffering, to a child, including deliberate hitting, beating, shaking, throwing, burning, drowning, suffocating or poisoning.

Mental/Emotional Abuse: Severe adverse effect on the emotional and behavioural development of a child caused by persistent or severe emotional ill treatment or rejection. May involve conveying to the child that they are worthless, unloved or inadequate and cause children to feel frightened, in danger and corrupted.

Sexual Abuse: Exploitation of a child or adolescent, in sexual activities they do not truly comprehend, to which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate social taboos or family rules, such as touching a child's genitals, forcing child to watch or take part in pornography or coercing the child to have sex.

# VOLUNTEERS AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORAL PROTOCOLS AT ALL YWAM EVENTS:

- I agree to give respect and dignity to all children associated with the work of YWAM.
- I will make sure that any visitors to YWAM children's program areas will not be left unsupervised.
- I agree to never be alone with children who are not my own offspring in a private place that cannot be readily seen by other responsible adults.
- I agree to not touch a child in an inappropriate way or expose them to inappropriate materials such as pornographic videos and literature (A general guideline for touching inappropriately is not to touch children in areas that would normally be covered by shorts and t-shirts, but also includes kissing and tickling in an inappropriate way.)
- I agree to not discipline a YWAM child in a humiliating way. (ie. hitting, slapping, beating, AND no verbal abuse such as shouting, swearing or use of demeaning language).
- I agree to not violate the rights of a child.



- I agree to always be responsible for my own behavior and will not blame the child, even if the child 'provokes' or acts in a 'seductive' way.
- If protocols are broken, the person involved will be disciplined and may be subject to criminal proceedings.

All YWAM staff, students, short-term volunteers and friends involved with YWAM children's programs must sign a statement to say that they have read this policy, will respect it and understand that action will be taken in cases of inappropriate behavior.

### DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

To be signed by all YWAM staff, visitors and short-term volunteers who are working with children's homes, orphanages, children at risk, YWAM children, etc. A copy will be kept on file at the appropriate YWAM operating location or school office or personnel file.

#### I declare that:

- I have read and understand the above YWAM Child Protection Policy.
- I will work within the policy as laid out in the above YWAM Child Protection Policy.
- I have never been accused or convicted of any offense involving physical or sexual abuse of children or young people.

I understand that if a complaint is brought against me regarding the abuse of children while engaged in YWAM activities, the allegation will be thoroughly investigated in cooperation with the appropriate authorities.



## **BDR SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

- BDR is here to broaden the opportunities of people in our neighbourhood and to love them with God's love
- We want to honour our community through our social media use, protect them, respect their privacy, and give them the dignity they deserve

## **Best practices**

- Post photos or videos with many children or people together
- Take pictures from the back of the people to avoid showing their faces
- Write hopeful and encouraging captions

#### Avoid

- Showing faces of people in our community directly
- Focusing on only 1 person or a few people
- Telling stories of the people in a way that is hopeless

## NO posting media and/or stories

- With personal information about the person such as name, school, address, etc.
- That will make a person easily identifiable
- That degrades a person, makes a person look pitiful, or puts the person in a bad light

By working or volunteering with BDR, you agree to the policy we have about social media. You also agree to make any changes that the BDR Leadership Team requests for you to make to any social media posts about BDR.

Date:	
Signature:	
Name and Passport Number	