



# Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb

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Dear District Deputies and Grand Knights of Saskatchewan,

This following information needs to be communicated to your councils in regards to the safe environment training and background check the first time you visit the council. Below are some important items which we would like you to communicate to your councils.

1. Safe Environment Compliance is necessary in each council to protect yourself, to protect the vulnerable sector which includes youth and all adults who depend on knights who volunteer, to protect the parishes in which knights serve, and to protect the Knights of Columbus.

As Knights, we should take the lead in our parishes to comply with safe environment requirements.

2. The officers that need to be compliant are as follows:

Grand Knight and Council Program Director- need to do just the training which can be done online.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/youth-activities/safe-environment-program.html>

*For Information—Office of Youth Protection- [oyv@kofc.org](mailto:oyv@kofc.org)*

*Phone 1-203-752-4558*

*Member Helpline- [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org)*

*Phone- 1-203-800-4940*

*Fax- 1-855-845-3502*

3. The Council Family Director and the Council Community Directors need to take the training and fill out the information on the document called “Canada Background Check Instructions”.

*Links to this document will be made available in the GKs/FSs Bulletin.*

- a. For the training, follow the steps as in #2 above.
- b. For the Background Check, go to #4 and follow the steps.

4. Background Check: Follow the following steps:

- a. Make a copy of the attachment: Background Check Instructions for Canada. A five page document.
- b. Fill in your first and last name and membership number on page 1.

- c. Fill in the information and sign where requested on page 2.
- d. Fill in the information on page 3 as required.
- e. Do not fill in page 4 unless you have a criminal record.
- f. Submit 2 pieces of ID as per instructions on page 5.
- g. Fax to Supreme or Scan and email to Supreme

**That's It—You Are Done! DO NOT GO To The RCMP Detachment and Pay Money For A Background Check---You Don't Have To Do That.**

### **Here Is How It Works:**

By signing the form, you are giving Praesidium authorization to contact their Canadian counterpart in BC to put your name and date of birth into the Canadian Database to do a background check.

If you are cleared, the company in BC will notify Praesidium that you are cleared-----  
That's It---You are Compliant.

Note----None of your personal information is released or shared with anyone in the United States. Praesidium does not need your personal Information- All they need is "Your Compliance Clearance" from the company in B. C.

5. In order to qualify for the Columbian Award or for the Star Council Award, councils need to be compliant. If your council qualifies in all other areas for Star Council, you should make an effort to become compliant if your position requires it.  
So if your council misses the Star Council Award or the Columbian Award for the next Columbian Year, and you phone us to ask why, we will refer you to this attachment.
6. Also, please note that the time for becoming compliant in 2019-2020 is by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest--Don't wait till June 25<sup>th</sup> and expect to become compliant.  
If you need any assistance, please let one of the State Officers know as soon as POSSIBLE and we will be happy to assist you.
7. Also, please note that DDs will now be able to check safe environment compliance on their District Data with Supreme.  
Each council will show the compliance data for the required members. DDs will be able to go on Officers Online and check each of their councils and communicate the information to the council and assist where necessary.

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