

*In at least one District Officer meeting each year, GBU districts are required to read, sign and return a copy of these **GBU Child Safety Guidelines** to the GBU Fraternal Department.*

GBU District Child Safely Guidelines

It is the responsibility of GBU districts and the GBU district officers and members to safeguard and always protect and promote the welfare of children. This protection applies to all children regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity.

GBU districts will strive to provide the very best in all aspects of a child's care, wellbeing, learning and development at every available opportunity.

Two-Adult Rule

GBU districts are responsible to maintain a minimum of two approved adults for youth supervision for every 10 unsupervised children at GBU events.

Special Needs

- Special needs children should be permitted to participate in GBU events whenever possible.
- Children that are not able to use the bathroom independently **or** require special care **or** need one-on-one supervision should have their parents or guardians present at all times.

Approved GBU Youth Leaders must

- Take notice of potential and known risks and act to prevent injuries that would arise as a result of them.
- Be responsible for instructing children in their best interests.
- Adequately inspect the area where any youth activity will take place.
- Identify and mitigate any conditions that have the potential to cause injuries.

Special Youth Leader Clearances

Any volunteer Youth leader that is in direct supervision and/or in direct physical contact (e.g. gymnastics) with children under the age of 18 must obtain the following clearances:

1. Report of Criminal History (state of residence)
2. Child Abuse History Clearance (Dept. of Human Services)

Child Pickup

Only a parent or another authorized individual with a pickup slip may pick up a child from a GBU function.

Other State or Local Requirements

District officers and members should identify and comply with all state and local requirements relating to children participating in GBU functions.

District Officer Name

Position

Date