



Youth Ministry Driving Parental Permission Form

GUIDELINES

The youth leadership at _____ Presbyterian Church adhere to the Safe Church Code of Conduct and comply with the Code in our ministry. However, as many families rely upon youth leaders to drive their children to and from youth group meetings and events, the Session are aware that from time to time circumstances may arise where a member of the youth group may be alone in a car with a leader during transportation. Session therefore have authorised that a temporary variation may be made for individuals in these specific circumstances for a specific period of time.

The youth leadership follows these guidelines in relation to driving youth group members:

The leadership commits to:

(a) Avoiding these situations where possible; and

(b) Dealing with them appropriately if they arise using the following guidelines:

1. If two children live close together, we prefer to drop them at one of the homes and organise for the parents pick them up from there.
2. If a leader is left with one child in the car after taking others home, the leader will phone the parents of the last child at the time when they drop off the second to last child.
3. When picking up and dropping off kids, the leader will go to the door of the home and try to speak to the parents to let them know they are picking up and/or dropping off the child.
4. If the leader cannot get in touch with the parents of the child at any stage, they will text a fellow leader to let them know the time of departure and arrival with that one child.

The aim of leadership is to be transparent and accountable and to keep records (text messages, phone calls, etc) of what is occurring should any issues arise.

Parents signing this consent form will have been considered by the Session and the leadership to have agreed with the above guidelines and practice in relation to transporting children, and specifically their own child/ren, in the youth group at _____ Presbyterian Church.



DECLARATION:

I, _____, give permission for my child/ren who attend the Youth Ministry activities at _____ Presbyterian Church to be **driven** to and from youth activities by Youth Leaders that have been approved by the Session of _____ Presbyterian Church.

I am aware that the Youth Leaders are bound by the Safe Church Policy and Code of Conduct and that they are committed to providing a Safe Church environment at all times in the youth ministry.

Therefore, I also acknowledge that it is possible that, depending on the specific circumstances, my child/ren will be alone in the car with one of the authorised Youth Leaders for all or part of the journey. I give permission for this to occur within the guidelines established by the Safe Church Unit.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____