



# Counseling Ops – Playing it Safe

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## **Source Material – *TLT Director’s Guide, Counseling Operations, Personal Safety #1, 2***

1. Assist in planning, scheduling and coordinating adequate and proper adult supervision ratios for all unit activities. Develop a unit-based buddy system for all Pathfinders.
2. Learn and follow appropriate personal safety guidelines when working with minors and adults. Apply for approved volunteer status with your pastor or the church safety officer.

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## **Students**

Students attending this workshop have been TLTs for at least 2 years. More than likely they have been actively involved with Junior Pathfinders for 4-6 years. They have also been working with an adult TLT Mentor for the past few years and may have had incidences where they were left without supervision. It is imperative that this workshop not be boring, but be interactive and relevant to the teens’ interests.

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## **Purpose & Goals of Workshop**

The goal is for TLTs to learn the principles of supervision issues of adults, and how older teen minors (grades 11-12) are to work safely with other Pathfinders who are minors. Some of the TLTs may already be adults (18 years or older) and need to do training and apply for approved volunteer status.

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## **Ideas for Workshop activities:**

- Using the Adventist Risk Management Youth Supervision Guidelines document as a handout, break-out into groups of 3 or 4 and have TLTs discuss common Pathfinder outings or activities and what would be considered adequate supervision based on the recommended ratios.
- Have the TLTs look at their Parental Consent Form that their parents signed for them to attend the convention. Have them read through the statement on the form that their parents agreed to by signing. Discuss the safety expectations that their parents have by allowing them to attend.
- Use the Volunteer Code of Conduct used in your conference that all screened volunteers must agree to as a handout. Invite TLTs to take turns reading each point and discuss its meaning and intent.

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## **Ideas for Convention activities:**

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## **Additional Resources:**

- NAD Youth Safety website and resources [www.NADYouthSafety.org](http://www.NADYouthSafety.org)
- Adventist Risk Management Youth Supervision Guidelines document <https://adventistrisk.org/sitemedia/siteresources/pdfs/prevention/infosheets/youth-supervision-info-sheet-eng.pdf>
- Adventist Risk Management Pathfinder Safety webpage <https://adventistrisk.org/prevention-resources/safety-topics/child-and-youth-activities/pathfinder-safety>