

BEST PRACTICES FOR HOSTING ONLINE YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERINGS

Helping you stay Safe Environment Compliant while Online

YOUTH MINISTRY GUIDELINES



GET CONSENT FROM GUARDIANS

Always get consent from parents before engaging in online communication with teens. Also, let parents know they can join the online gathering if they want. Be as transparent as possible.

TWO ADULTS IN THE "ROOM"

Just like a typical youth gathering, two VIRTUS trained adults should be present at all times during the online gatherings. Think of the online platform as another "room" and follow all of the same safe environment policies. Only use online video chats for group gatherings.



SAFETY FEATURES

If possible, password protect the gatherings, disable private chats (where one participant can private message another participant), and record the gathering (include that in your consent). Email the link to the parents of teens. Don't post the link to social media.

THINK ABOUT YOUR SET UP

Try to set up your filming location in a public area in your home, such as the kitchen or living room. Make sure you (and others in your home) are dressed appropriately for a youth gathering. Make sure there is nothing in your background that would be inappropriate for teens to see.



HAVE FUN!

Thank you for accompanying young people! Your friendly face and prayerful spirit can help teens during this time.