

TOGETHER WE CAN...

PROTECT CHILDREN THROUGH A SAFER ENVIRONMENT!

Challenging individuals to hold themselves accountable and recognize what they **MUST** do is an important first step towards preventing sexual abuse of children. Everyone plays a part in protecting children...

<p>TOGETHER: YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS/ GYMNASTICS CLUBS MUST...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish standards of behavior and protective policies for all participants • Clearly communicate those standards to coaches, staff, volunteers, parents and participants • Address any reported or observed violation immediately • Report suspected abuse immediately to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport • Follow hiring and training best practices for staff/volunteers 	<p>TOGETHER: COACHES AND TEACHERS MUST...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid being alone with a child • Refrain from engaging in communications or interactions that are inappropriate to the coach-athlete relationship • Avoid having physical contact with athletes that is not reasonably intended to coach, teach or demonstrate a gymnastics skill and/or to prevent or lessen injury • Refrain from having out-of-program contact with athletes, including on social media 	<p>TOGETHER: PARENTS MUST...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to their children about appropriate boundaries of interaction with adults • Choose an activity after carefully screening the organization • Review the organization's safe environment policy and know its safe environment strategies • Observe and monitor their child's participation • Report any questionable activities 	<p>AND TOGETHER: CHILDREN/ATHLETES MUST...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touching • Identify a trusted adult they can talk to • Trust their GUT, if something feels wrong... tell a trusted adult 
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Success is a team effort. For a team to be successful, every member of the team — clubs, coaches, athletes, parents, administrators, officials — can and must do his/her part. If each of us does our part and partners with USA Gymnastics in creating a safer environment for our athletes and children, together we can reduce the opportunity for an abusive situation to develop.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Take advantage of the information and materials provided by USA Gymnastics and our educational partners to learn more about this societal issue and taking action to play your part so TOGETHER WE CAN protect our children.



Stop It Now!
Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

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