



## Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy

# Important Information

Ohio State's Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy promotes the safety and welfare of minors entrusted to the university's care. It outlines what is required of employees and volunteers who work in activities and programs with minors, and informs individuals of their reporting obligations in instances of known or suspected abuse or neglect of minors.

Student organizations are exempt from the policy, but leaders and advisors can choose to comply with policy components to not only help protect minors, but also those working with them.

- Review the Activities and Programs with Minors Participants Policy and its associated resources and trainings at [www.go.osu.edu/minorspolicy](http://www.go.osu.edu/minorspolicy).
- It's important to know if your student organization has care, custody or control responsibility of minors, as defined by the policy: "when an adult(s) is present and has primary responsibility for supervision of minors at any given point throughout the activity or program with minors."
- If you have "care, custody, or control" of minors, it would be considered best practice to follow these steps:
  - I. Obtain a fingerprint background check. Review the [background check resource guide](#) for guidance.
  - II. Complete policy training.
    - A. Go to <https://buckeyelearn.osu.edu> and log on using your name.# credentials. Type *Minor Participants* in the global search box near the top right of BuckeyeLearn. When search results begin to appear, press *Enter* on the keyboard. Locate the appropriate year and click on the course title. Click *Request* and once on your active transcript, click *Launch*.
  - III. Sign the "[standards of behavior](#)."
- If you do not have "care, custody, or control" of minors, it would be considered best practice to receive and review policy training at <http://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/resources/150nonccc.pdf>, which also includes the Standards of Behavior.
- View the website at <https://hr.osu.edu/services/minors-on-campus/> for more information.



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