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Thanks for joining! We will begin shortly.

# Overview of Accreditation in Abuse Prevention

## A Webinar Replay

4/25/2024

# Our Focus Today

- Understanding the Problem
- Understanding Praesidium Accreditation
- Understanding the Benefits of Earning Accreditation

## The 2024 Praesidium Report is Out!

Get access to research findings and data on industry trends.

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UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS

# PRAESIDIUM ACCREDITATION



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# PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT

Accreditation demonstrates an organization meets or exceeds the highest standards in abuse prevention.



## THIRD PARTY EXPERTISE

Praesidium is a national expert in abuse prevention ready to partner with organizations on their prevention journey.



## ASSESS & STRENGTHEN

Armed with knowledge of internal gaps, Praesidium helps organizations strengthen their abuse prevention frameworks.



## BUILD INTERNAL COMPETENCE & CONFIDENCE

With a systematic approach to abuse prevention, organizations have the tools to create a culture of safety.

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# 23 STANDARDS

EMPIRICALLY BASED

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC

EACH INCLUDES  
OBJECTIVE COMPONENTS

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE  
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## STANDARD 1:

The organization's policies communicate zero tolerance for abuse.





### Research Behind the Standard:

An organization's culture is the sum of its attitudes, values, norms, beliefs, history, personalities, and ethics of its employees and volunteers.<sup>2</sup> Experts agree that consumer safety should be embedded in all facets of institutional leadership, governance, and culture.<sup>3</sup> "There is ample evidence that persons predisposed to abuse seek to join organizations where opportunities are prevalent and, once they have gained entry to an organization, attempt to redesign the organization to maximize these opportunities."<sup>4</sup>

### Research Indicates:

- Organizations should emphasize abuse prevention within their organizational policies to send a very clear message: consumers in this organization are off-limits to sexual abusers.<sup>5,6</sup>
- Organizations should emphasize a zero-tolerance for any form of abuse of its consumers and should clearly communicate that all sexual interactions with consumers are prohibited.<sup>7</sup>
- Employees and volunteers should be educated about the organization's specific abuse prevention policies to help communicate a zero-tolerance environment regarding abuse.<sup>8</sup>
- Employees and volunteers should be required to sign a document that describes the organization's commitment to protecting consumers and its expectation that all employees and volunteers will abide by this policy.<sup>9</sup>

### Components That Ensure the Standard is Being Met:

-  **P1.** The organization has a policy prohibiting the abuse or mistreatment of consumers.
-  **P2.** The organization has a policy prohibiting abuse or mistreatment of one consumer by another consumer.
-  **P3.** The organization annually reviews all abuse prevention policies for relevance, utility, and necessity and modifies as appropriate.
-  **P4.** The organization requires all employees and volunteers to sign a statement indicating that they have read and agree to comply with all organization policies upon hire and annually.



ABUSE  
IS  
PREVENTABLE





## Creating a Culture of Safety



Standards are  
clear



Standards are  
enforced



Everyone knows safety  
is part of their job



Everyone takes  
warning signs  
seriously



Everyone reports  
their concerns



Employee  
engagement is  
high



Quality is  
institutionalized





Being accredited demonstrates to our staff, members, and community that we truly stand behind preventing abuse.

Ensures that we have policies, procedures, and systems in place.

The community can feel comfort in knowing their youth will be protected.

Piece of mind.

Good for marketing.

We can ensure we are doing everything in our power to protect children from abuse.

We took many things from we *think* they are happening to we know they are happening.

- YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS -

# FEEDBACK

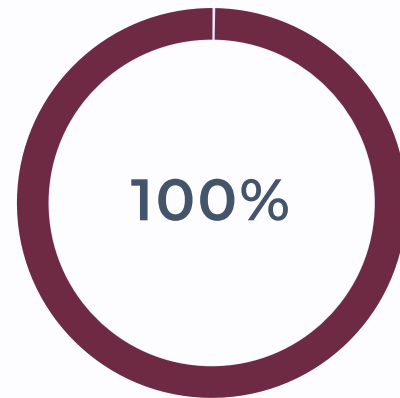


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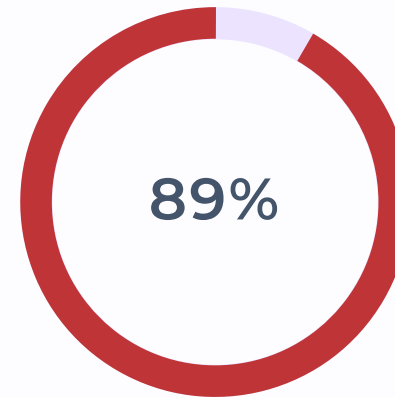
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ACCREDITATION TO A FELLOW Y?



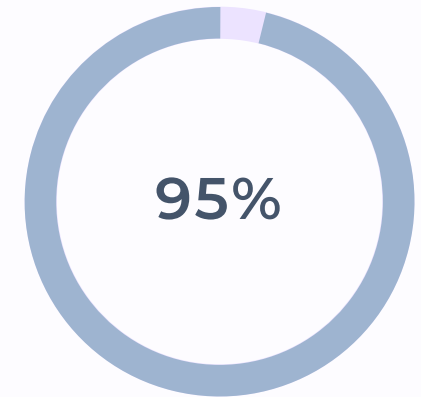
of organizations agree  
Accreditation allowed them to  
better understand gaps in their  
abuse prevention systems and  
address them.



of organizations agree that  
Accreditation has strengthened  
their abuse prevention efforts.



of organizations agree that by  
completing the Praesidium process,  
leadership is better equipped to  
respond to incidents or allegations of  
abuse.



of organizations agree that by  
completing the Praesidium  
Accreditation process, employees are  
better equipped to prevent abuse

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UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS  
& HOW TO GET STARTED

# THE ACCREDITATION JOURNEY



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AT A GLANCE

# ACCREDITATION PROCESS



WHEN TO BEGIN THE ACCREDITATION JOURNEY

# ARE YOU READY?

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## LEADERSHIP

Commitment starts at the top. Evaluate whether leadership is engaged and committed to the journey.

## THE WHY

Organizations should reflect on their motivation for accreditation. Will this *why* sustain the organization through the journey?



## FEASIBILITY

Praesidium's team of experts will walk alongside organizations on the accreditation journey, but organizations should be deliberate in considering internal bandwidth and resource availability.

## UNIQUE PATH

There is no one path to accreditation. With different success stories and trajectories, organizations shouldn't be afraid to start the journey today.

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## MORE DETAILS

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# Insurance Risk Management & Accreditation

- **Considerations Affecting the Current Insurance Market**
  - Market Conditions
  - Social Inflation
  - Regulatory Changes – State Level

# Insurance Risk Management & Accreditation

- **How Accreditation can Impact Insurance.**
  - Supports understanding of organizational controls.
  - Supports positive industry loss trends.
  - Supports differentiation.

# Insurance Risk Management & Accreditation

- How Accreditation can Impact an Insurance Policy.
  - Increased confidence in abuse controls.
  - Improved loss performance.
  - Decreased premium needs.

Increased Risk Confidence

# Specialty Human Services (SHS) Resources

## SHS Risk Resources Portal

Guide, Online Course, Assessment, Value Added Services

### Abuse Prevention



**Youth Protection Basics: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse**

According to the organization RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), when an individual "intentionally harms a minor physically, psychologically, sexually, or by acts of neglect, the crime is known as child abuse. Child sexual abuse is a form of child abuse that includes sexual activity with a minor."

Many individuals struggle to understand the prevalence and gravity of child sexual abuse in the United States. The statistics are shocking, but awareness is key to preventing, recognizing and stopping child sexual abuse. Explore these fast facts to better understand the impact of CSA.

**Related Resources**

- De-Escalation
- Abuse Policies & Procedures



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### Abuse Prevention Resources for Great American Specialty Human Services





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For Individuals For Businesses For Agents For Claims Plan & Protect Careers Contact Us

GREAT INSIGHTS > LOSS CONTROL

Plan & Protect



Life is full of uncertainties. While not all types of loss are preventable, many can be mitigated through proactive action. Great American's team of Loss Control experts builds on years of experience to help businesses prepare for and stay protected from different types of loss.

At Great American, not only do we take loss control seriously, we try to make it easier for our customers to operate in a safer environment. From thermal imaging, various training sessions, and educational information such as our Safety Topics, we provide specialized services to reduce loss potential, loss costs, and control unsafe acts and conditions.



People often reflect on fond childhood memories of summer camp, sports and fun in the sun. However, it's not always fun and games. Help keep kids safe and do your part to protect your organization from potential risks related to vulnerable populations.



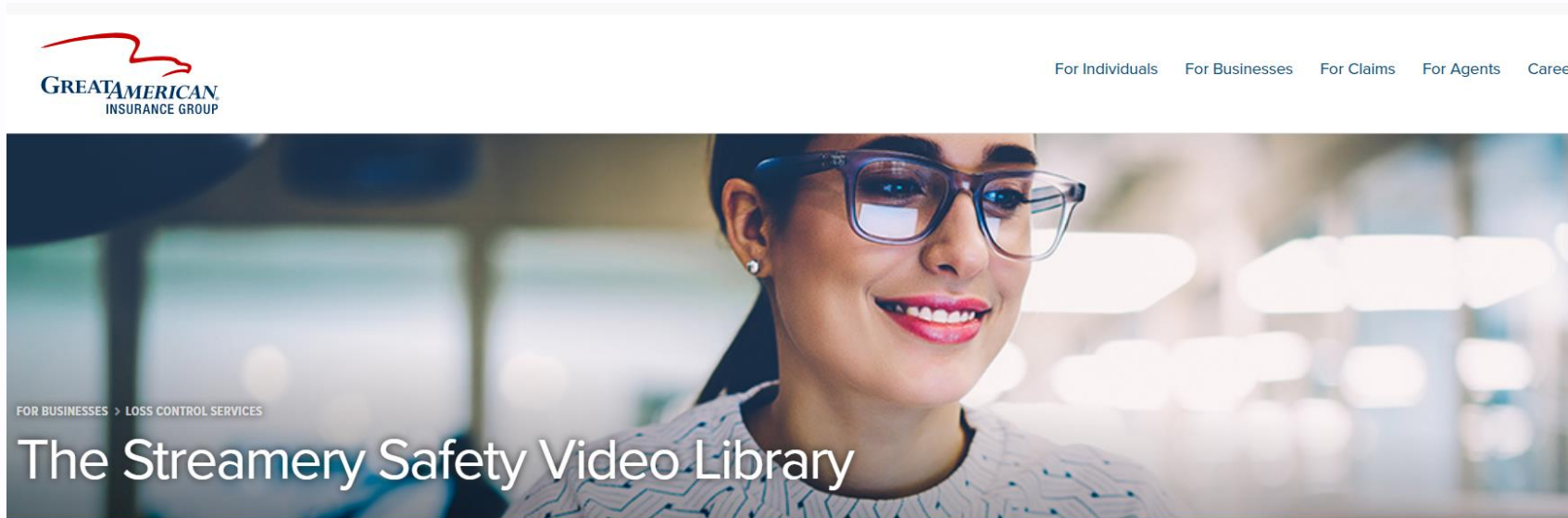
From hurricanes to floods, tornadoes and more, a natural disaster can occur when a business least expects it. While the timing can be unpredictable, there are some steps you can take to help prepare your business for recovery with these safety resources.



Driver safety is more than just wearing a seatbelt. Drivers not only need to understand safety precautions and how to operate the vehicle, but they also must know how to respond to adverse conditions. Take the steps necessary to prepare drivers and help to protect your organization with these tips.



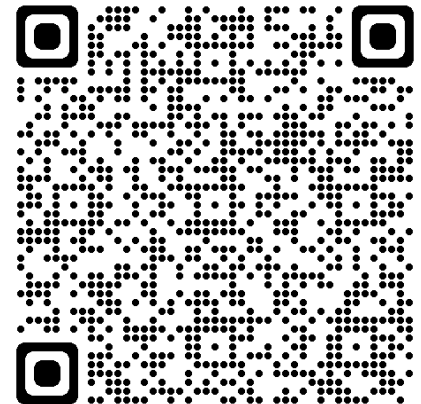
# Assistance from GAIG Loss Control



Great American Policyholders have access to a vast library of streaming video and training content provided through Streamery. The library is an excellent supplement to our policyholders' overall safety and risk management programs.

## Library Overview

Great American's safety video library includes over 800 training programs with over 400 titles available in Spanish covering a wide variety of hazard-specific and industry-specific topics. Topics are categorized in the online library to facilitate browsing by hazard, operation or industry. Content ranges from OSHA compliance and employee safety, to driving and driver issues, and human resources and management topics.



# Learn More About PRAESIDIUM

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Why Praesidium

Assess

Prevent

Respond

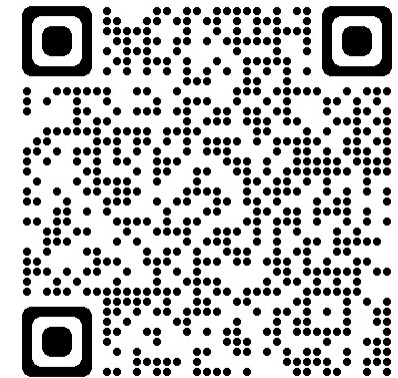
Accreditation



## ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE.

At Praesidium, our mission is to prevent the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults and to preserve trust in respected organizations. Like yours. For more than 30 years, our experts have worked to prevent sexual abuse. Put our experience to work for you and those in your care.

▲ ASSESS YOUR ORGANIZATION'S RISK.





# Questions?