



SAFE GATHERINGS

The **Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNKS)** is committed to providing safe places of worship and fellowship to everyone they serve. As part of that commitment, PNKS has enrolled in this program in order to offer **Safe Gatherings** as a resource for all PNKS congregations.

What is Safe Gatherings?

Safe Gatherings is an online abuse prevention program that screens and educates staff and volunteers to help prevent abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Upon successful completion of the Safe Gatherings application, background and reference checks, and online training program, each applicant will receive documentation of **approval valid for three years** and will have continued access to the online training program for one year.



How much does it cost?

The price per applicant is **\$39 for church staff and volunteers** (billable to the individual or to the church). The program includes:

- Processing of two electronic references
- National criminal background check
- 7-year county of residence background check
- National and state of residence Sex Offender Registry check
- Applicant tracking for church administrators
- 2-hour online abuse prevention and boundary awareness training
- Optional driving record for additional charge

More information can be found on the PNKS landing page:

<https://safegatherings.com/presbytery-of-northern-kansas-partnered-with-safe-gatherings/>



How do I set up my church?

To set up your church, the pastor or church administrator will contact **Safe Gatherings by phone at 888-241-8258 or by email at contact@safegatherings.com**. (Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm CT)

Tell them you are a congregation in the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, and you will not be charged a fee to set up an account. It is quick and easy!

How does an applicant start the process?

After the administrator has set up the account, the **Safe Gatherings Tutorial** should be distributed to all individuals that will be applying.

Applicants can start the process by going to safegatherings.com and clicking on the red “New User” button at the top.

To speed up the process, individuals should be prepared before they begin. In this process, the individual will be filling in personal information, including previous work involving children, youth and vulnerable adults. They will also be submitting two references that are **not related** to them. Safe Gatherings will need contact information for those references (email and phone number).

MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact Safe Gatherings at contact@safegatherings.com or 888-241-8258

OR

Contact the PNKS office at office@pnks.org or 785-825-1654