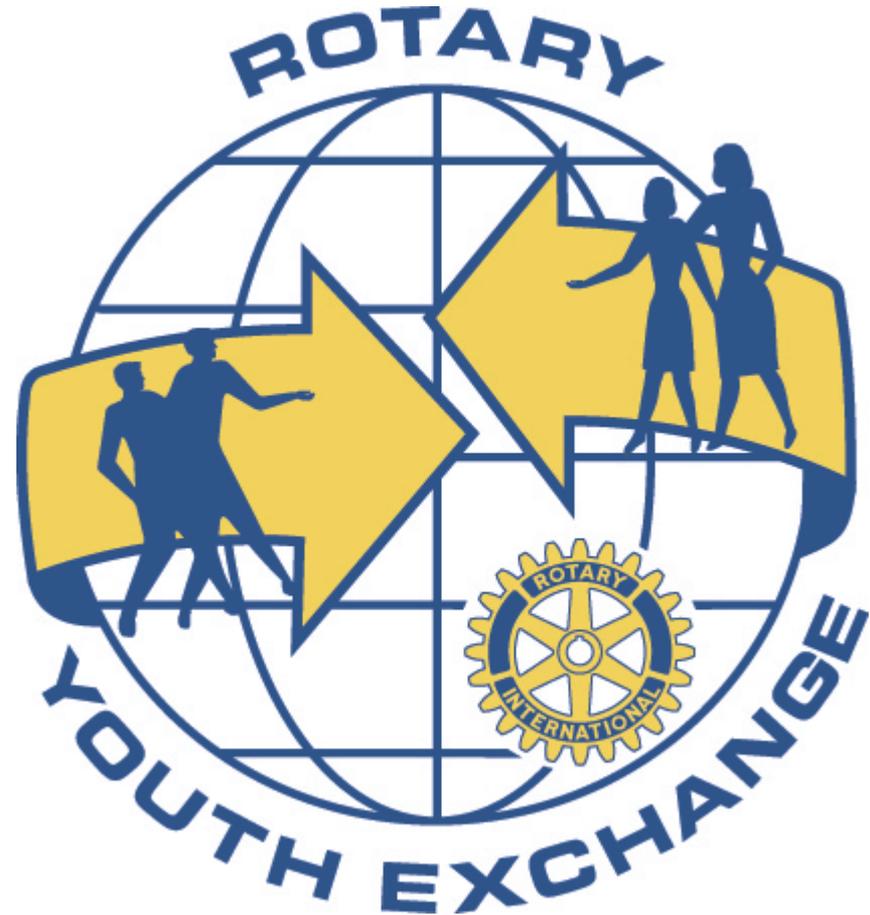


Safety First

Rotary's Youth Protection Program

Outbound Parent
Presentation





Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

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Who shares
the
responsibility
for keeping
Youth
Exchange
students safe?



Youth Exchange Support System

- Home/Host District Governor
- Home/Host District Youth Exchange Chair
- Home/Host District Youth Protection Officer
- Home/Host District Counselor
- Home/Host Club President
- Home/Host Club Youth Exchange Officer
- Home/Host Club Youth Exchange Counselor
- Host families
- Parents
- Students

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How Rotary
contributes to
your child's
safety while
studying
abroad



- International policies and standards for youth protection and RYE volunteer and host family screening
- Designated officers at International, District and Club levels focused on youth protection and your child's exchange experience
- Training for officers, host families and outbound students on risk avoidance and incident response
- Regular monitoring of your child and host families during exchange

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How your child contributes to his/her safety while studying abroad



- Following Rotary rules
(including but not limited to)
 - No driving, drinking, drugs, or dating
 - No unauthorized travel
- Avoiding “risky” situations
- Removing themselves from any situation in which they feel they are in danger or being subjected to harassment or abuse and immediately notifying their club YEO/YEC/YPP and other trusted Rotary officer/host parent/parent.
- Having frequent and open communications with host family/host club RYE officers to better understand culture and norms

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How you can contribute to your child's safety while studying abroad



- Discuss with your child any fears they have about exchange. Talk about risks that might present and how your child could deal with them appropriately. Consider differences in cultural norms.
- Ensure your child knows that they can speak comfortably to you about their exchange experience, whether positive or negative, and that you will not judge or be disappointed in them.
- Empower your child to make their own decisions and “take care of themselves” – to enable them to be responsible for their own safety.

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Questions?

Concerns?

