

## Examples of Risk Factors in Church



	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Participants or beneficiaries	Mature adults People without physical or psychological limitations		Minors Elder people Sick people Disabled People in difficulty (psychological, economic)
Environment	Public place In presence of other persons Group activity	Place where supervision is possible (open door, windows)	Locked room The participant's home private home Car Outside the city or country (Congress WYD)
Activity	Administrative tasks Filing, decoration	Group animation Catechesis Sports activity	Home visits Spiritual guidance That gives access to money, private property, keys, confidential information
Supervision	Always in the presence of a supervisor or a group	Occasional presence of a supervisor	Without any supervision Without any record
Relationship nature	No relationship with others	Personal relationship	One-on-one situation

The table above can give some indicators of the potential risk but it does not replace the judgment of the responsible. It may be convenient to assess the risk associated with a specific task according to different categories (Participants, environment ...) but it is the evaluation of ending results that determines the risk.

For example:

- A group activity (low risk) will increase its risk factor if it is for children (high risk) rather than adults.
- A secretarial work unrelated to other (low risk) has a risk factor increase if it gives access to confidential information rather than simply producing records.

## Evaluation of Risk for Volunteer Positions

<b>Low Risk</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The activity is always practised in groups</li> <li>▪ The activity requires no frequent contact with vulnerable people</li> <li>▪ The activity requires no relationship of assistance, accompaniment or authority with a person</li> <li>▪ The activity requires no transmitting of the contents of the faith</li> <li>▪ The activity is done in the presence of someone responsible</li> <li>▪ The activity requires no manipulation of money or food</li> <li>▪ The activity requires no access to confidential information</li> <li>▪ The activity does not require access to the keys to the parish</li> <li>▪ The activity does not require or encourage transportation of people or merchandise in the car of the volunteer</li> <li>▪ The activity does not require access to sacred objects</li> <li>▪ The activity does not require volunteers to handle heavy or dangerous objects</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate Risk</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The activity is normally done on parish grounds and in the presence of other adults</li> <li>▪ The activity requires little contact with vulnerable people</li> <li>▪ The activity requires the volunteer to establish a relationship of assistance, accompaniment or authority with a person for a short period of time</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to transmit the faith, in the presence of a supervisor</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to represent or act on behalf of the parish</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to have access to money</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to have access to confidential information</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to have access to parish goods or keys</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to cook or handle food</li> <li>▪ The activity requires the transportation of people or merchandise in the car of the volunteer</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to have access to sacred objects</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to have access to heavy or dangerous objects</li> </ul>
<b>High Risk</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The activity requires the volunteer to intervene alone</li> <li>▪ The activity requires the volunteer to have frequent interactions with vulnerable people</li> <li>▪ The activity requires the volunteer to establish a relationship of assistance, accompaniment or authority with a person for an extended period of time</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to transmit the faith, with little or no supervision</li> <li>▪ The activity requires volunteers to handle money</li> <li>▪ The activity takes place in an area with little or no supervision</li> <li>▪ L'activité se déroule dans un lieu avec peu ou pas de surveillance</li> </ul>