

2026 BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLIANCE EXPECTATIONS

To avoid a “Safe Church Non-Compliance Surcharge” on your 2027 insurance bill, you must meet or exceed the following requirements for background checks and Sexual Abuse Awareness Trainings. Complete your checks and trainings by **Nov. 30, 2026**.



Complete background checks on MinistrySafe

average in-person worship count:
Under 75 - minimum 4 background checks
Over 75 - minimum 6 background checks



Complete “Sexual Abuse Awareness Trainings” on MinistrySafe

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Under 75 - minimum 4 trainings
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The PNW Conference provides each church access to the MinistrySafe Dashboard (www.ministrysafe.com) for background checks and Sexual Abuse Awareness Training. Background check costs vary, but the Sexual Abuse Awareness Training is available at no cost to the church.



Do you have questions about who your local church's MinistrySafe admin is or insurance expectations? Contact your district administrator or Teri Tobey.

REMINDER

ONLY employees and volunteers with **BOTH** a current background check and Sexual Abuse Awareness training will be covered by the church's liability insurance for abuse allegations.

NEW BILLING SYSTEM

New this year, all **background check billing charges will be paid to MinistrySafe by the PNW Conference**. The first \$90 will be covered as a credit, and the church will be billed for charges above that via your fire and liability insurance account.