

## **Athlete Safety is our #1 Priority!**

Our mission includes “strive for a safe environment for our athletes.” To the USASF, safety extends beyond our Cheer or Dance safety rules for performance. We’re committed to helping our members create the safest overall environment for every All Star athlete, so we’ve made resources available for use in gyms and studios.

An important area of focus is protecting youth athletes from sexual abuse. Your 2016-2017 Member Box included several resources to help you educate your staff, athletes and parents about how to identify and protect themselves and others from situations that may lead to abuse:

- **Think First & Stay Safe Parent Guide** from Child Lures Prevention
- **Let’s Talk Teens Parent Guide** from Teen Lures Prevention
- A poster with the USASF’s recommended **Youth Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy & Procedures** and a companion document entitled **Key Actions for Leaders for Protecting Youth Athletes from Sexual Abuse** for member gyms to implement

The Positive Coaching Alliance has several videos for use by our members:

### **Trailer For Videos About Protecting Youth Athletes From Sexual Abuse:**

<http://devzone.positivecoach.org/resource/video/trailer-videos-about-protecting-youth-athletes-sexual-abuse>

### **Protecting Youth Athletes From Sexual Abuse: Youth Sports Leaders**

<http://devzone.positivecoach.org/resource/video/protecting-youth-athletes-sexual-abuse-youth-sports-leaders>

### **Protecting Youth Athletes From Sexual Abuse: Parents And Coaches**

<http://devzone.positivecoach.org/resource/video/protecting-youth-athletes-sexual-abuse-parents-and-coaches>

Some additional resources:

### **SafeSport.Org Resources Page:** <http://training.teamusa.org/resources>

SafeSport.Org has quite a few resources for protecting young athletes available in downloadable PDF files.

### **Mandatory Reporting with a summary of state reporting laws, visit:**

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/state/>

### **Darkness to Light:** D2L.org

Darkness to Light is an organization that is dedicated to educating adults how to protect the children in their lives from the devastation of sexual abuse. Their website is filled with information and resources. Here are a few of the highlights:

***Reporting Child Sexual Abuse Tips***

[http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Reporting\\_Child\\_Sexual\\_Abuse-Small-File.pdf](http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Reporting_Child_Sexual_Abuse-Small-File.pdf)

***Talking to Kids about Digital Safety***

[http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/TALKING\\_TO\\_KIDS\\_ABOUT\\_DIGITAL\\_SAFETY\\_10.5.15.pdf](http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/TALKING_TO_KIDS_ABOUT_DIGITAL_SAFETY_10.5.15.pdf)

***FAQ - Mandated Reporting***

[http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Mandated\\_Reporting\\_07.07.15.pdf](http://www.d2l.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Mandated_Reporting_07.07.15.pdf)

**Stewards of Children® Prevention Toolkit Mobile App** <http://www.socapp.org/>

Available for iPhones in the App Store and Android Phones in Google Play.