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The safety and protection of our volunteers and youth participants is of the utmost importance to the OAAS. At no time should an adult volunteer be alone in a private place with a non-related youth. Where youth are present, or expected to be present in a private place, a minimum of two adults, who have completed their police record check are required to be in attendance.

### **Requirements for Overnight Chaperones:**

For any activities or events that include an overnight portion:

- Where overnight chaperones are required, and the following requirements must be met:
  - Chaperones are required to stay on the same premises as the delegates.
  - Where the overnight activity has both male and female participants at least one male and one female chaperone must be available.

### **Chaperone/Youth Rooming Option Guidelines:**

- It is strongly recommended that each youth be chaperoned by a blood relative/legal guardian.
- Under no circumstances will one individual chaperone share a room with one individual youth unless they are a blood relative/legal guardian.

Staff and volunteers who hold a duty of care towards youth serve in responsible positions and must conduct themselves in accordance with OAAS's Code of Conduct. Those serving in responsible positions have a clear obligation to care for youth and ensure the safety of youth. As such, these volunteers serve in safety-sensitive positions. This means that persons in responsible positions are (a) prohibited from the use of, and (b) must not be affected by, alcohol, any drugs or substances that impair their performance while they are responsible for ensuring the safety of youth under their care.

See Chaperones Code of Conduct F14.10

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