



Safe Environment Policy Regarding Parish Carnivals

The Safe Environment Policy for the Archdiocese of Miami dictates that all adult employees and volunteers, whether they work with children or not, are required to sign a code of conduct, successfully

pass the Archdiocesan level 2 background check, and complete the Virtus training session.

This includes all carnival volunteers: parishioners, parents, and community members.

Additionally, item #32 of the Carnival Agreement indicates the screening requirements for carnival

employees, which must be enforced each and every time:

Section 32. Screening Requirements. Carnival Operator acknowledges and agrees that Parish is committed to insuring the safety and well-being of its students, children, and youth, its elderly and aged, and its disabled, and condemns all forms of abuse or neglect of people of all ages. Carnival Operator represents and warrants that all persons affiliated or associated with Carnival Operator, whether by employment, independent contractor, volunteer, invitation, or any other status, who have access to the Premises by virtue of this Agreement, shall meet the minimum level 2 screening requirements of Section 1012.465, Florida Statutes, and Carnival Operator shall perform all necessary background investigations to ensure such compliance. If at any time Parish is not satisfied that this requirement has been met for any person affiliated with Carnival Operator, or for any reason in its sole discretion, with or without cause, Parish may request that Carnival Operator or any person affiliated with Carnival Operator be prohibited from accessing the Premises, and Carnival Operator shall immediately vacate the Premises or prohibit such person identified by parish from accessing the Premises, as parish may direct. It is expressly understood and agreed that Carnival Operator shall be strictly liable for any injury, loss, and/or damage to any person, and shall indemnify and hold Parish harmless from any claims, resulting from Carnival Operator's failure to comply with the requirements stated herein. Parish shall not be liable for any termination fees or damages (direct, indirect, or consequential) as a result of enforcing this Section.

To facilitate compliance with this requirement, the Safe Environment office provides three (3) options for fingerprinting:

- At your pertinent parish, school or diocesan entity by making an appointment for an on-site fingerprinting session.
- At any of the designated Service Centers throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties
- At the Background Check Office in the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Miami (by appointment only)

For additional information on fingerprinting, please contact the Safe Environment Office :

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