

Strengthening the Caring Community

- High Risk Level Criteria-

A position is classified as either a General Risk level or a High Risk level. Below are the basic criteria used to classify a position as *High Risk* (when used in certain scenarios or combinations). If none of the following conditions apply the position will be at the General Risk level.

<p><u>Participant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child under 16 years of age • A physically/ mentally/ emotionally vulnerable person • Non-able-bodied senior
<p><u>Setting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated place (including tents, cabins, private homes etc...) • A room without any windows • Motor vehicle • One-on-one setting
<p><u>Activity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits in a home, nursing home, hospital • Overnight activity • Activity that is of high physical or emotional intensity • Directly handles money and/or funds • Has control over parish property (including being entrusted with a key to parish buildings) • Has access to highly confidential information (personal / medical / financial)
<p><u>The Supervision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or no supervision • No documentation of meetings/events

These criteria are not exhaustive. They are guidelines we used in establishing the risk level of the standardized positions. Some local conditions may cause risk level to be altered. When the Pastor, in consultation with the Parish Volunteer Screening Committee, decides this is the case, the Advisor of the Volunteer Screening Program & Human Resources should be contacted to discuss the determining factors and possibly modify the risk level for that particular parish ministry.