

Response Committee 2006-07

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All concerns will be handled
mindful of the balance
between the need for
confidentiality and respect for
all parties involved and the
obligations under the law.

Positive things you can do to strengthen our community

Get to know other Friends

Wear Your Name Tag

Welcome Newcomers

Participate in Simple Gifts,
Friendly Partners, Clean-up Day,
and Meeting Retreats so you can
get to know our children in a
comfortable group setting.

Think about our well-being as a
community in broad terms.

A playground or coffee room
mishap is much more likely than
an incident of abuse. Keep your
eyes open and offer gentle, clear
advice as needed.

Safety in Community:

Abuse Prevention And Beyond

Wellesley Friends Meeting

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Friends are clear in their commitment to assure the safety of all members of our community.

With God's help we seek a community where no child is at risk for emotional, physical or sexual abuse and where no adult is at risk for false accusation.

We understand that these are troubling issues to contemplate. We seek also a community where difficult issues can be discussed and where our loving concern for one another is strengthened, not diminished by these discussions.

To these ends, Wellesley Monthly Meeting has implemented the following practices:

- Adult Friends are expected to be active in our community for at least six months prior to participating in First Day School.
- Parents are welcome in the classes at any time.
- Prospective class coordinators will meet with the Religious Education Clerk and the Religious Education Coordinator for counseling about our policies and practices in our First Day School.
- The Religious Education Coordinator or a designated Friend will float among the classes anytime that First Day School is in session,
- Windows will be placed in classroom doors.
- In addition, any intergenerational program, such as the Friendly Partner's Program, will be planned around group activities.

We ask for the help of parents. Please do not leave your children unattended in First Day School classrooms, before Meeting, during coffee hour or when you are attending a committee meeting.

A response committee has been named to receive concerns in this area. Their names are on the reverse side of this pamphlet and are posted on the bulletin board.

These measures were approved in Meeting for Business in May and June 2006.