



Child Protection Code of Conduct

In the course of an employee's or Volunteer's association with the Peace Corps:

Acceptable Conduct

At minimum, the employee or Volunteer will:

- (a) Treat every child with respect and dignity.
- (b) When possible, work in a visible space and avoid being alone with a child.
- (c) Be accountable for maintaining appropriate responses to childrens' behavior, even if a child behaves in a sexually inappropriate manner.
- (d) Promptly report any concern or allegation of child abuse by an employee or Volunteer.

Unacceptable Conduct

And, at minimum, the employee or Volunteer will not:

- (a) Hire a child for domestic or other labor which is culturally inappropriate or inappropriate given the child's age or developmental stage, or which significantly interferes with the child's time available for education and recreational activities or which places the child at significant risk of injury.
- (b) Practice corporal punishment against, or physically assault, any child.
- (c) Emotionally abuse a child.
- (d) Develop a sexual or romantic relationship with a child.
- (e) Touch, hold, kiss, or hug a child in an inappropriate or culturally insensitive way.
- (f) Use language that is offensive, or abusive towards or around a child.
- (g) Behave in a sexually provocative or threatening way in the presence of a child.
- (h) Perform tasks for a child that the child is able to do for himself or herself that involves physical contact, including changing the child's clothing or cleaning the child's private parts.
- (i) Access, create, or distribute photos, videos, or other visual material of a sexual and abusive nature to or involving a child.