

## Chaperone Requirements

1. A good rule of thumb for all student and children's workers is that there always be at least two non-related, screened adults present to supervise.
2. All chaperones with youth on a Deep Impact trip must be **21 years of age or older** and submit to a background check. On international mission trips we recommend chaperons be **25 years of age and older**.
3. Deep Impact depends on adult chaperons for a variety of reasons. One is to make sure all youth from your church enjoy their experience and have adult supervision. Another is to make sure we have enough adult leadership for our mission projects. With this in mind, we request a ratio of 2 adults for the first 7 students of the same gender and then 1 more for each additional 7 students. If a group has fewer than 5 students of either gender, the group will be permitted to have 1 adult per gender. If this is the case, adults will only be allowed to lodge in the same room as their students when more than one other student and adult are present. Although this is allowed, it is still best practice to bring at least two adults per gender. When having difficulty securing adult chaperones, please consider having adults split time during the week.
4. A background check will be required for all persons age 18+ (students and adults) seeking to work with minors on a mission project. (See the *Affirmation of Completion of Background Investigation*).
5. Two or more screened adults may share lodging with a group of minors. No adult may sleep in the same bed as a minor at any time. In all situations, supervising adults must be of the same gender as the minors they are supervising.