



**Southwestern Minnesota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **Recommended Background Check Companies which also Provide Education and Training Options**

*All of these companies will advise you on which checks to run based your risk tolerance and the state(s) of residence of the people being screened. They will also walk you through ministering to people whose background checks reveal history which limits their service in your congregation or organization.*

After thorough research The SW MN Synod has chosen to work with Safeguard From Abuse and SecureSearch to protect others and the ministry through which we serve. As resources are continually changing we invite you to decide which of the following companies would work best for your congregation/organization.

### **Safeguard From Abuse (training) and SecureSearch (background checks)**

*two companies, same owner*

[www.safeguardfromabuse.com](http://www.safeguardfromabuse.com) or [www.securesearchpro.com](http://www.securesearchpro.com)

- ELCA Rate for Background Check\*: \$11
- ELCA Rate for County Courthouse Search: \$8 (plus courthouse fees if any)
- ELCA Rate for Motor Vehicle Registry Record: \$5 plus state fee
- Additional searches available.
- ELCA Rate for Online video training, 75 minutes with test and certificate if passed: \$6
- ELCA Rate for Training DVD \$225 (if you want to watch the training in person with a group, you do not need to order this unless you want to)
- When ordering online, use "ELCA" as coupon code to receive ELCA discounts

\*Background Check includes multi state criminal search, national sex offender search, Social Security number validation, name and address history, alias/maiden name search (all names receive their own search)

### **Praesidium**

[www.praesidiuminc.com](http://www.praesidiuminc.com)

- ELCA Rate for Background Checks\*: \$15
- Armatus, online interactive reading training with embedded videos
  - \$500 one time setup fee plus \$15 per user per year
- Church Care, a comprehensive package of resources, specifically designed to keep your children, clergy, employees and volunteers safe. Prices based on congregation/organization size. Church Care includes:
  - Know Your Score Online Self-Assessment
  - Armatus eLearning library of courses
  - Model Abuse Prevention Policies
  - Screening and Selection Tool Kit
  - Telephone Helpline
  - Crisis Management
  - Criminal Background Check Package

\*Background Check includes multi state criminal records search, national sex offender search, Social Security number validation, name and address history and alias search.

## **Protect My Ministry**

[www.protectmyministry.com](http://www.protectmyministry.com)

- ELCA Rate for Background Checks:
  - Basic Package\* \$8-10 plus \$39 one time enrollment fee (use this if you want to do background checks without Child Safety Training)
  - Plus Package\*\* \$16-20 plus \$39 one time enrollment fee (use this if you want to do background checks without Child Safety Training)
- Yearly ELCA Rate for unlimited Child Safety Trainings (online moving power point training with voice narration, 90 minutes with test and certificate if passed): \$149, no enrollment fee
  - Background checks are purchased individually in addition to the \$149 fee for unlimited Child Safety Training.
- ELCA Rate for Motor Vehicle Registry Record: \$5 per state plus state fees if any

\*Basic Background Check includes Social Security verification and address history, national criminal database search with re-verification of positive records, national sex offender registry search

\*Plus Package Background Check includes Social Security verification and address history, national criminal database search with re-verification of positive records, national sex offender registry search PLUS one county or statewide court search (some counties charge additional fees)