

California Child Safety Laws: A Tale of Two Bills*

California has established a new legal “standard of care” for protecting children through two key laws. AB 506 targets youth service organizations, while SB 848 extends and strengthens similar requirements for public and private schools, creating a statewide framework for abuse prevention.

AB 506: For Youth Service Organizations

Who’s Covered: Churches, Clubs & Camps



Applies to any organization whose primary purpose is serving youth under 18.



The “Regular Volunteer” Rule

Mandates apply to volunteers with 16+ hours/month or 32+ hours/year of child contact.

Three Core Mandates



Live Scan background checks



mandated reporter training



and a “two-adult” supervision policy.

SB 848: For K-12 Schools

Who’s Covered: Public & Private Schools



Extends abuse prevention rules to all K-12 schools, effective by July 1, 2026.



Expanded Mandated Reporters



Now includes governing board members, contractors, and volunteers with unsupervised student contact.

Annual Training on Key Topics



Training must cover reporting duties



grooming behaviors



and maintaining professional boundaries.

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Contact **Compass Abuse Prevention Services®** to assist your organization in complying with AB 506 and SB 848.

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