

# Safe Training Newsletter

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## Safety S.O.S. Signal for Help



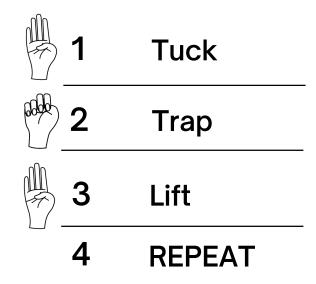
Children or others who know this universal gesture can use it to get help without attracting attention from the person they're with. It subtly resembles a wave hello or goodbye and thus acts as an alert across many situations, even in an online classroom or in a busy environment such at an airport.

When we learn about this sign, those in need can use it and we can start watching out for it in our communities.

Protecting children and young people is a special concern for the Church, as we are called to see the face of Jesus in the vulnerable and needy neighbor.

Matthew 25:31-46

Teach this simple signal to everyone so the message would be recognized:



## **Discussion Questions**

Who can benefit from learning about the signal for help?

How can I ensure that everyone in my church knows about the signal for help?

### 3 Things to Remember

- Never ignore a request for help.
- Abusers are often good at making things look normal on the outside.
- If you are unsure, report to a leader who can guide you.

#### **Practical Steps**

- 1. Practice doing the signal right now. Doing helps you remember.
- 2. Share this information about the signal for help through a flyer, email or on your social media accounts.
- 3. Introduce the signal for help as part of your teaching programs for children.