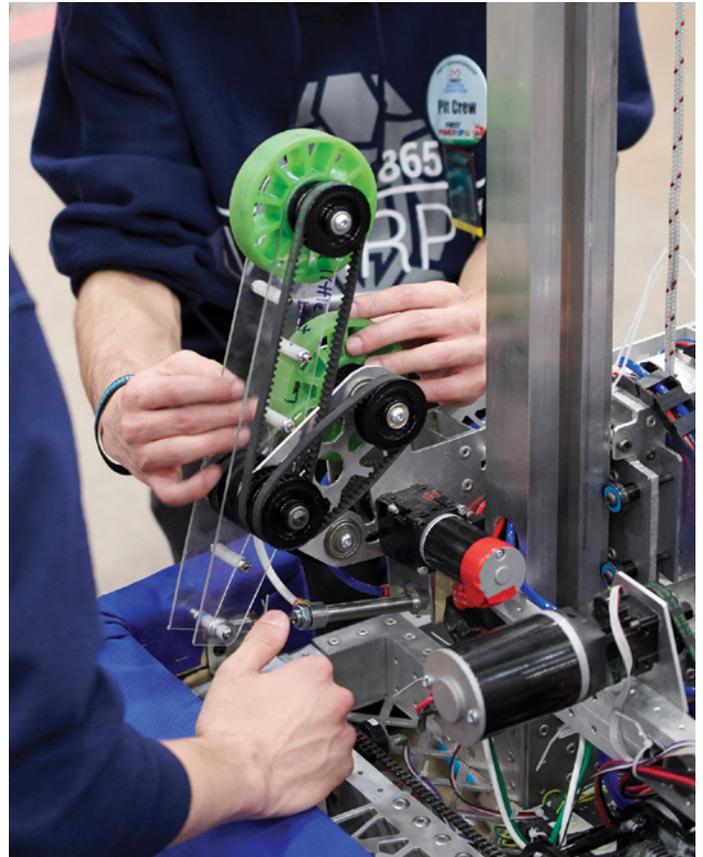


Your Role in Ensuring Safety at *FIRST*® Events



RESPONSIBILITIES: Event volunteers play a critical role in helping maintain safety for all participants by adhering to our Code of Conduct, following event guidelines and being familiar with key [Youth Protection Program \(YPP\) policies](#).

- **Code of Conduct:** This [FIRST Code of Conduct](#) lists some of the basic behavior mentors, coaches, volunteers, team members, affiliate partners, contractors, staff, and other participants should adhere to while participating in *FIRST* activities.
- **Screening Requirements:** All adult volunteers from the United States and Canada must complete background screening through our Volunteer Registration dashboard unless participating via the [Walk-On volunteer process](#). Note: Your local Program Delivery Partner may have other requirements including additional background checks and training required by law in your jurisdiction.
- **Event safety:** Follow all event safety procedures
 - Wear appropriate badging and attire as applicable
 - Familiarize yourself with any emergency response plans
 - Know your local law enforcement and emergency contacts
 - Review the Event Volunteer [Checklist](#)
- **Follow the “Rule of Two”**
 - No adult should be alone or communicate one on one with a youth participant.
 - Every team must have two adult lead coaches/mentors who oversee team’s activities.
 - Interactions between adults and youth participants should be **observable and interruptible**.
- **See Something, Say Something:** If you notice behavior that seems off or suspicious, please report any concerns to Pit Admin or Event Management.
- **Mandatory Reporting:** All *FIRST* volunteers are mandatory reporters and must report suspected child abuse or neglect according to U.S. and Canadian laws and applicable country laws.
 - Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect **must** be reported to child protection agencies and *FIRST* Youth Protection.



- **Ways to Report Youth Safety Concerns to *FIRST***
 - [FIRST Reporting Portal](#)
 - [Email FIRST Youth Protection](#)
 - Phone (603) 206-2050



24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

REPORT A CONCERN

