

Welcome to Armatus!

Employees and Volunteers

What is Armatus®?

Armatus® is an internet –based abuse prevention training program developed by Praesidium Inc. The Archdiocese of Portland has chosen Armatus® as the annual training for Employees and Volunteers after they have participated in the Called to Protect Program. (See Screening and Training Requirements for more details.)

When should you start Armatus®?

We ask that you please complete your Armatus® course assigned for the year within 30 days of the program year beginning. The courses are not voluntary; they are mandatory for clergy and all employees and volunteers who work directly with children 4 or more times a year. You can complete them at work, home, at the library, at the school, anywhere you have access to the internet.

Which courses will you take?

For 2008-09 the Archdiocese is requiring two courses to be completed.

Meet Sam - 30 minutes

Sam is a sex offender. In this course, he tells you how he gets away with it—in programs just like yours. You learn the types of sexual abusers and the methods they use to get their own needs met. You also learn how to spot interactions between adults and children that may indicate danger. (.5 CEUs)

Archdiocese of Portland Code of Conduct - 30 minutes

This course outlines conduct expected of each employee and volunteer who works in our parishes, schools and sponsored events. To complete the course, you must indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with these codes..

How do you get started?

1. Logon to a high-speed Internet connection and go to www.PraesidiumInc.com.
2. Click on “Armatus® Training New!” in the left-hand navigation menu.
3. Select “Click here to begin Armatus® online training (login required).”
4. Enter your login and password.
5. Click submit.

Your login is the first initial of your first name and your full last name. For example: Bob Smith’s user login would be bsmith, or Sasha Hayes-Jones user login would be shayes-jones.

Your password is the four numerical digits of your birthday, followed by your state abbreviation. For example, if Jane Arnold lives in Oregon and her birthday is March 26, her password would be 0326or

Welcome Aboard!

Choose your course and click on the title to begin. Each course will end with a brief quiz that you must pass for credit. Your location’s Armatus® Administrator will be informed when you have completed your required courses.

If you have any questions about this training, please contact your supervisor or your location’s Armatus® Administrator.