

Safe Zone Program Application

About the Safe Zone Program

Established in 1998, the Safe Zone program has been a collaborative effort of several groups and offices around campus. The mission of the Safe Zone program is to provide a more accepting environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning students (LGBTQ) and their allies at Virginia Tech.

Objectives

The Safe Zone program has four primary objectives:

1. To identify a network of allies who are concerned, empathetic, and knowledgeable about LGBTQ issues.
2. To provide evidence of the support of LGBTQ people and their allies within the Virginia Tech community by posting a sign as tangible evidence of that support.
3. To reduce the fear of reprisal and discrimination by LGBTQ people and their allies within the Virginia Tech community.
4. To assist LGBTQ and allied students in achieving their educational goals by creating an environment in which they can be themselves.

Expectations

To be a Safe Zone is to be an ally for the LGBTQ community. Members of the Safe Zone community are expected to:

- Be supportive and visible to Virginia Tech LGBTQ students and their allies
- Display a Safe Zone sticker in a prominent place in their office or room, preferably on the outside of their door
- Provide information on LGBTQ related issues or and be able to provide referrals to other resources if unable to handle the request
- Attend at least one Safe Zone program reception per year

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Please answer all of the following questions, attaching additional sheets if necessary. Return completed applications to:

Safe Zone Program
Multicultural Programs and Services
140 Squires Student Center (0187)

Since a critical part of this program is the display of the Safe Zone sticker at your place of business or work, we ask that you list your office address, or the address where the sticker will be displayed.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Position/Department _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

1. How did you hear about the Safe Zone Program and why did you decide to apply?

2. Which of the following means of support do you feel you can provide to the LGBTQ community and their allies as a Safe Zone? Check all that apply.

_____ One-on-one advocacy and support

_____ Resources for political and social activism

_____ Guest speaker for programs or meetings

3. Are you willing to be a visible supporter of the Safe Zone program by displaying your program sticker and responding to the questions it may prompt?

4. Give an example of a time when you actively addressed an LGBTQ issue.

5. Is there anything else you would like us to consider in reference to your application?

I give permission for Multicultural Programs and Services, the LGBTA, and the LGBT Caucus to review and distribute the information in this application as necessary to confirm my eligibility to be a Virginia Tech Safe Zone. I understand that my e-mail address will be added to the Virginia Tech Safe Zone listserv so that I may receive information and communicate with other Safe Zones.

Check here if you would like to be added to the following listservs:

_____ LGBTA (student group)

_____ LGBT Caucus (faculty/staff/graduate group)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Safe Zone Program at 231-8584 or via e-mail at safezone@vt.edu.

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