

SAFE SANCTUARIES LOCAL CHURCH EVALUATION FORM

Use the following list to help your congregation assess its policy needs for the prevention of child abuse in your church. Read each statement, and mark the appropriate response in the column to the right. By completing the form, you will be able to see at a glance the areas needing attention.

STATEMENT	YES	NO	UNSURE
We screen and check references for all adults, volunteer or paid persons, whether laity or clergy, who have any direct or indirect contact with children, youth or vulnerable adults who participate in any activities or events sponsored by our church.			
All of our volunteers who have direct or indirect contact with children, youth or vulnerable adults who participate in any activities or events sponsored by our church have been affiliated with the church for at least 6 months prior to volunteering.			
We train at least annually all volunteer and/or paid workers with children, youth, or vulnerable adults in how to carry out our policies to prevent abuse and to recognize indicators of abuse.			
We utilize the “two-adult-rule” during all children, youth or vulnerable adult activities or events sponsored by our church. For large groups we require at least one adult chaperone for every six children to actively supervise the participants.			
We do not allow anyone to supervise children who is not at least five years older than the children or youth with whom he/she is working.			
Each room or space where children, youth or vulnerable adults are being cared for has a window in the door or the door is left open during activities or events.			
We have a clear reporting procedure for a suspected incident of abuse that follows the requirements of our policy and the state law.			
We have a clearly defined response plan to be implemented in case an allegation of abuse is made against someone in our church.			
We take our policies to prevent abuse seriously, and we are committed to their enforcement for the safety and security of all our children, youth and the adults who work with them.			