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Safe church policies on child supervision:

A minimum of two adults at all times. One adult must be 21 or older. The other adult may be 18 or older.

Adult supervision is constant.

In working with youth (middle school and high school), at least one adult must have attained the age of 21, AND must be at least 4 years older than the oldest youth in the group.

Ratio guideline for adults:youth are as follows (keeping in mind the two adult rule as the default).

0-5 years 1:5

5-10 years 1:6

10-14 years 1:8

14-18 years 1:10

A teenager who has attained the age of 13 may act as a monitor while working with a qualified adult at the Children's Liturgy of the Word or other event where other adults are present in the building.

No unrelated adult with a youth or child alone at any time. (The second adult may be within earshot.)

No unrelated teenager with a younger child alone at any time. (An adult may be within earshot.)

Proper age-appropriate restraints are to be used in all vehicles transporting children and youth.

Males and females sleep in separate quarters. Where this is not possible, reasonable separation of space is required and appropriate adult supervision is constant.

All adults transporting children and youth will agree to a driving background check. They may be asked to have their license and insurance information on file with the church.

No drivers under the age of 25 are to transport unrelated children and youth on behalf of the church.

All adults who wish to work with children and youth will agree to a background check, when requested.

No child or youth shall participate in an activity without parental permission. When the parent delivers the child to a church-sponsored event, permission is assumed. When the activity takes place off church grounds, such consent must be in writing, and must grant emergency medical care permission to the adult(s) in charge of the event. The adult(s) are to be given contact information for emergencies.

No photographs or other recordings of youth or children are to be used for web or print publication without the written consent of the parent(s). Such consent will outline the potential risks of publication of images and recordings.