15 ways to keep the kids
IN YOUR MINISTRY *safe and secure* ✓

GOVERNANCE

1 Does your church maintain biblical value statements regarding the dignity and value of children?

2 Does your church require all employees and volunteers to abide by a code of conduct?

3 Does your church maintain an internal complaint policy?

CHILD SAFETY OPERATIONS

4 Does your church control access to children's areas?

5 Does your church have specific child safety policies for special events, such as overnight events, home/small groups or events that are open to the public?

6 Does your church communicate its child safety program to parents?

SCREENING

7 Does your church screen all employees and volunteers, including background checks for adults?

8 Does your church interview and require reference checks for all employees and volunteers?

9 Does your church maintain a Zero Tolerance Policy for convicted sex offenders?

TRAINING

10 Does your church require training for all employees and volunteers on topics related to child safety?

11 Does your church require training for all employees and volunteers on child abuse reporting?

12 Does your church require all employees and volunteers are trained regarding communicating with children outside of ministry contexts?

RESPONSE

13 Does your church have a written response plan to use in the event of a report of child abuse? Does the plan address child safety, receiving disclosures, how to report abuse and mandated reporting laws?

14 Does your church have policies related to notifying authorities, legal counsel and the parents of alleged victims?

15 Is your church prepared to comply with investigations from authorities if abuse is reported?

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