

LOCAL CHURCH SELF-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
1. We screen and check references for all paid employees, including clergy, who have significant contact with children or youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. We screen all volunteer workers for any position involving work with children or youth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. We train at least annually all volunteer or paid workers with children or youth to understand the nature of child abuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. We train at least annually all volunteer or paid workers with children or youth in how to carry out our policies to prevent child abuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Our workers are informed of state law requirements regarding child abuse and their responsibility for reporting incidents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. We have a clear reporting procedure for a suspected incident of child abuse that follows the requirements of our state law.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. We have insurance coverage available in case a child abuse complaint occurs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. We have a clearly defined building usage strategy as a component of our child abuse prevention plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. We have a clearly defined response plan to be implemented in case an allegation of child abuse is made against someone in our church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. We offer at least annual educational opportunities to parents of children and youth about how to recognize and how to reduce risks of child abuse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. We take our policies to prevent child abuse seriously, and we are committed to their enforcement for the safety and security of all of our children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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