

Protection Policy Checklist

What Should Be Included

Main Areas:

- **Screening**
 - Application
 - Training
 - Additional details about who can serve and requirements
 - How long should the applicant been part of the church before serving with children/youth/vulnerable adults?
- **Supervision**
 - Who can be a supervisor
 - What does proper supervision look like
 - General Rules
 - Adequate Staffing
 - Two Adult Rule or Rule of Three
 - 5-year rule (volunteers must be at least 5 years older than the oldest child/youth they are working with)
 - Roamer Rules
 - Overnights
 - Transportation
 - Digital/Online Ministry
 - Anything specific to your church
 - Playground
 - Specific areas of the church
- **Reporting**
 - Who is required to report
 - Reporting Process
- **Response Plan**
 - General goals/objectives

Other Topics to Include:

- Definitions
- Third-Party Considerations
- Purpose of the Policy
- Theological Rationale

Resources

- [Smaller Membership Congregations Policies and Guidelines](#) (UMC)
- [Larger Congregation Policies and Guidelines](#) (UMC)
- [Safe Sanctuaries: Inclusiveness and Hospitality](#) (UMC)
- [Safer Sanctuaries: Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities](#). Discipleship Resources and Upper Room, 2023. (UMC)
- [Resources from Discipleship Ministries](#) (UMC)
- Curated Resources on [Lifelong Faith](#) (UMC)
- [Roamer Rules](#) (UMC)
- [Liability and Safe Sanctuaries with Third Party Organizations](#) (UMC)
- [Safe Protection Policy Guidelines](#) (Mennonite Church)