

# WRITING AND REVIEWING A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

## POINTS TO CONSIDER

Why is your Church engaging in this effort?  
What are your reasons?  
Who is energizing the effort?  
Are Church Leaders involved?  
Which Leaders are missing?

Recognizing, Responding & Reporting  
Reporting Direct Incidents  
Mandatory Reporters  
Reporting Suspicions  
Role of Pastor  
Confidentiality/Sensitivity

Recruiting & Application Process  
Application  
References  
Covenant Agreement  
Interviews  
Background Checks  
Who is responsible for decisions?

To Whom will the policy apply?  
Sunday School/Youth Groups  
Children's Church/Nursery  
Pre-Schools  
Scout Groups  
Community Groups  
Rental Groups

Education of Workers & Leaders  
Types of Abuse  
Policies & Procedures  
Recognizing Signs  
Reporting  
Who are Trainers?

(Conclusion) What results do we expect?  
Safer Place for Kids and Adults  
Stronger Family Support  
Reputation in Community  
Awareness of Issues  
Family Education

Policies & Procedures  
Two Adult Supervision  
Open Door  
Hazing  
Permission Slips  
Drivers & Transportation  
Co-Ed Events  
Sensitive Areas

As you develop your church's policy, be sure to consult the most recent Eastern PA Conference Policy for minimum standards.

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