



Emmanuel United Methodist Church
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Child Protection Guidelines for Non-Church Groups*

Statement of Purpose

Emmanuel United Methodist Church (EUMC) has adopted ***Child Protection Guidelines*** to promote the safety and well-being of children and youth participating in activities within the church building, on church property or while on EUMC led off-site activities.

We believe the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of children is vital. Our policy is intended to ensure activities involving minors (all children 18 years and younger) are consistent with the teachings and example of Jesus, the Christian tradition of nurturing children, and with the laws of the state of Indiana.

Violation of our ***Child Protection Guidelines*** will result in the immediate cancellation of any group and/or organization's use of our church facility and/or church grounds.

Policy for Non-Church Groups

It is the policy of EUMC that non-church groups do not allow minors to be present unless they are under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian and in visible sight within the confines of the meeting room/area.

If your organization is comprised of children (i.e., Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, etc.), we expect the group leaders to provide direct supervision. We expect leaders to provide the proper adult-to-child ratio deemed as two adults per every ten children/youth involved. If there is an overall total of less than ten children/youth, we continue to expect at least two adults be present. We want the safety and well-being of each person considered.

A signature on the next page acknowledges you understand and will ensure your group abides by these guidelines and recognizes Emmanuel United Methodist Church will not be held responsible in the case of unsupervised or improperly supervised minors.

*Non-Church Groups are defined as any group which is not a direct ministry of EUMC even though the group might contain EUMC members.



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Child Protection Agreement **[Policies for-Non-Church Groups]**

I have read the *Child Protection Guidelines for Non-Church Groups* and reviewed them with an EUMC staff person. I agree to observe them faithfully. I understand that violations of these guidelines will result in immediate suspension from using EUMC property.

Name of Organization/Group

Organization/Group Leader Signature

Print Full Name

Date