



TEAM MEMBER BASIC CHILD SAFETY RULES

TWO ADULT RULE: The “2 Adult Rule” shall be observed (2 responsible adults per classroom/activity OR 2 responsible adults within line of sight.) When there are not enough workers for two Responsible Adults for each group, the Sending Church or Missions Agency should assign at least one Responsible Person per group and have one Floater who can visit all the rooms randomly. Understanding that there is safety in numbers, one responsible adult can be in contact with multiple youth (6th-12th grade) so long as they are in line of sight of other adults. When working with children under the age of 12 years old, at least one of the responsible adults should be a woman.

OPEN ROOMS:

All activities should take place in rooms/classrooms with doors open or with windows for observation.

FIVE YEAR OLDER RULE:

When working with youth, the responsible adult must be five years older than the oldest youth.

OPEN DOOR COUNSELING:

Any one-to-one mentoring or consulting shall be conducted in sight of another adult. If done in a room, the door must be left open and another responsible adult should be within line of sight.

NO SPANKINGS OR CORPORAL PUNISHMENT FOR DISCIPLINE:

Team Members should never administer discipline to children through spanking or other forms of corporal punishment.

REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

If an adult worker/volunteer observes or suspects a violation of the safety of a child, these steps must be taken immediately.

- A. Address any immediate needs the child or youth may have.
- B. Report concerns to Missionary and Team Leader.
- C. Cooperate with leadership and authorities throughout the process.

If an adult suspects that abuse or any suspected violation of the local or federal law is taking or has taken place, he or she or the Missionary in charge shall report the abuse to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and/or child protective services.

I have read and understand the rules above for interacting with the children in care of MOM. By signing below, I agree to abide by these rules and guidelines.

PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
Date: _____