

Nursery Safety

Are your congregation's youngest members safe in your nursery? Child safety is likely a top concern for your ministry. That's why it's imperative to check your nursery on a regular basis to make sure it remains a safe place for the infants and toddlers entrusted to your care.

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Are crib slats no more than 2-3/8" apart to prevent head entrapment? Make sure there are no loose or missing slats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are crib mattresses firm and tight-fitting with space for no more than two fingers between the mattress and the crib side?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are all nuts, screws, and bolts tightened on your crib(s), and are all mattress supports secure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is the mesh on your playpen(s) made of a fine weave and free of tears, holes, and loose threads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is all nursery furniture (cribs, playpens, changing tables, etc.) free of cracked or peeling paint and splinters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do cribs with drop-side latches work properly and remain at least 4" above the mattress when lowered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do all high chairs have high, stable bases that won't collapse easily, as well as functional restraining straps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Is the nursery free of any toys with small parts, fuzzy stuffed animals or dolls, balloons, and foam toys?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Have you surveyed the room from your hands and knees? Is the floor free of small objects a small child could swallow, such as coins, paper clips, or buttons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do doorways provide visibility for adults but also adequate coverage to prevent children from wandering off? Do they have childproof locks or latches on them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Are all bulletin boards and walls free of tacks and pins that children could reach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are all electrical outlets covered, and are all window treatment cords properly secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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13. Are all walls free of peeling wallpaper and/or chipped paint? Are all ceiling tiles firmly in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Are all stairwells gated or otherwise blocked from children's access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Are all shelves and heavy furniture anchored so children cannot pull them down? Are all sharp corners or edges padded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Are all cleaning and diaper-changing products stored out of children's reach or in latched cabinets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Does the room contain a well-stocked first aid kit that is stored out of the reach of children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Are smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Are emergency phone numbers posted in a prominent place? If there is no phone in the room, is there a sign posted that provides the location of the nearest phone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Are disaster response instructions posted as well as a map to the nearest exit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Does your ministry have an established check-in/check-out system to keep children safe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Does your ministry maintain records of food allergies and take the necessary precautions involved with these allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Completed by: _____ Date: _____