

ACCOUNTABILITY IN ACTION SERIES: POSSIBLE RISKY SITUATIONS CHECKLIST

<p><u>RISKY ENVIRONMENTS/LOCATIONS:</u></p> <p>Youth and Adult:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Summer camps and vacation Bible school <input type="checkbox"/> Nurseries <input type="checkbox"/> Buses that travel to and from activities <input type="checkbox"/> Choir practice, events and trips <input type="checkbox"/> “Field trips” which are outside of faith community <input type="checkbox"/> Bible study and group specific bible study <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings in the faith community <input type="checkbox"/> Bathrooms <input type="checkbox"/> Storage areas <input type="checkbox"/> Clubhouse or other youth related programs <input type="checkbox"/> Isolating situations <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pools 	<p><u>RISKY RELATIONSHIPS</u></p> <p>Staff and/or Volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bible study leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Choir instructors <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive people within the faith community <input type="checkbox"/> Foster parent or surrogate parent role <input type="checkbox"/> Authority figures within the faith community staff or volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> All can be “targets” for huggers <p>OTHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> People who are in need of support from a current problem, past problem or on-going problems <input type="checkbox"/> People who are isolated in need of support, company or assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Authority figures within the faith community <p>Note: Cultural differences exist in physical approach and comfort. Check it out first, don’t just assume.</p>
<p><u>RISKY POSITIONS:</u></p> <p>Vulnerable People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> English as a second language <input type="checkbox"/> Undocumented immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> New to country, new to area, new to community, new to faith community <input type="checkbox"/> Currently in a “bad” relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Prior victimization <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving support (spiritual and/or financial) from the faith community <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable individual and/or family <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation <input type="checkbox"/> Secrecy <p>Those at risk to offend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship with an age difference <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship with a “power” difference <input type="checkbox"/> Position of power or authority no matter what age group <p>Note: Many times risky positions and risky people can be the same.</p>	<p><u>RISKY PEOPLE:</u></p> <p>Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Elders <input type="checkbox"/> Faith leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Youth director <input type="checkbox"/> Choir director <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Janitor/maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Bible study instructors <input type="checkbox"/> Faith leader’s spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Traveling faith leaders <input type="checkbox"/> Lay ministers <input type="checkbox"/> Lay counselors <input type="checkbox"/> Adults who work with children or volunteer with children <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> People who just “drop in” at a faith community <input type="checkbox"/> People who are overly eager to work with others, especially the most vulnerable <input type="checkbox"/> People who move around a great deal <p>Note: Many times risky positions and risky people can be the same.</p>

Always think about what could be possible risky situations that are not included on this list. Take the time to anticipate risk!