

# NURSERY UPDATE

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THERE?!

When is the last time that you looked in your church nursery? It is so easy for most adults to forget about what is really happening in our nurseries. These are some things that you might want to consider as you take a peek inside those "hallowed" walls of the nursery.

\*Is the door up-dated to a two-part door that opens at the top for safety?

\*Are all of the toys safe for a small child?

\*Are there unsafe things within the reach of a taller child?

\* Is there a monitoring system?

\*Are the forms such as: allergies and parent information forms complete and up to date?

\*Is there an appropriate number of "workers" per number of children?

\*Is all equipment safe and in good condition?

\*Are the toys and furniture being sanitized on a weekly (or daily) basis?

\*Are all of the workers "covered" under your Safe Sanctuaries policies?

\*Are the workers trained in all of the procedures in case of an incidence?

\*Is your room inviting and filled with positive reflections of Jesus?

Every worker should be aware of the indicators of child abuse, and be prepared to report their findings to the appropriate person. A policy of how to report should be in place.

There are five areas of abuse:

\*Physical

\*Emotional

\*Neglect

Sexual

\*Ritual



*Caring for our precious little ones*

"While a church cannot guarantee the safety of every child, every church should be responsible for reducing or eliminating circumstances that could lead to harm or injury." *Safe Sanctuaries*



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