



McKnight Crossings Church of Christ
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Purpose:

This policy ensures a safe and secure environment for all members, visitors, and staff while maintaining an atmosphere of hospitality and worship.

1. General Security Procedures

- Church leaders will designate a **Security Team** composed of trained volunteers.
 - Greeters will serve as the **first line of observation** for any suspicious activity.
 - Security cameras will be placed at all **entrances, parking lots, and high-traffic areas**.
 - All emergency situations must be reported to **911 immediately**.
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2. Handling a Violent Visitor or Active Threat

Response Steps:

1. **Alert Others Quietly** using a pre-arranged **code word** or signal.
 2. **Call 911 Immediately**, providing location and details of the threat.
 3. **De-escalate if possible** by remaining calm and speaking in a **non-threatening tone**.
 4. **Evacuate or Shelter in Place** if violence escalates.
 - If safe, **guide members to exits**.
 - If unable to leave, **barricade in a secure area**.
 5. **Security Team Intervention** should only occur if necessary for protection.
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3. Handling a Disruptive Visitor During Worship

Response Steps:

1. **Approach the individual calmly and discreetly**.
 2. **Encourage compliance** using a firm but gentle tone (e.g., *"Let's step outside to talk about how we can help you."*).
 3. **If they refuse to leave**, notify the **Security Team**.
 4. **Call police** if the situation escalates or becomes threatening.
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4. Preventing Child Abductions & Custody Issues

Child Check-in & Release Policy:

- All children must be **checked in and out** using a secure system.
- Only **authorized adults** listed on the child's records may pick them up.
- Staff must **verify photo ID** for any unfamiliar individuals.

Response to Attempted Abduction:

1. **Deny access** to unauthorized individuals and keep the child inside a secure area.
 2. **Notify church leadership and security immediately**.
 3. **Call 911** if the individual insists or attempts to take the child.
 4. **Monitor all exits** to prevent unauthorized removal.
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5. Emergency Preparedness & Training

- Conduct **annual safety drills** (fire evacuation, active threat response, etc.).
 - Train all **greeters, Elders/ministers, and children's ministry workers** on security protocols.
 - Maintain an **emergency contact list** for local law enforcement and medical personnel.
 - Establish a **discreet alert system** (e.g., using a **code phrase**) to signal security concerns.
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6. Parking Lot & After-Hours Safety

- Ensure **adequate lighting** in parking areas.
 - Have a **security volunteer monitor the lot** during services (via camera system).
 - Offer an **escort service** for individuals walking to their vehicles at night.
 - Designate a **lock-up team** to secure the building after events.
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7. Cybersecurity & Financial Protection

- Implement **secure online giving platforms** with encryption.
 - Restrict access to **financial and membership data** to authorized personnel.
 - Train staff to recognize **phishing attempts** and fraudulent donation requests.
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8. Medical Emergency

- Contact Medical Emergency team. Reference listing in video security room or **Attachment A**
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Review & Updates

This policy will be reviewed **annually** and updated as needed to address emerging security concerns.

Approved by:

[Church Leadership Team]

[Date]



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Attachment A

Medical Assistance – contact information

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Name	Mobile #	email	title	Trained in ...			
				CPR	defibrillator	Epipen	Narcan
J. Collins Corder	314-307-1093	jcorder20@gmail.com	Dr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cas Grimshaw	314-736-0788	cgrimsha@gmail.com	Dr.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shannon Miller	618-975-1607	millernum7@gmail.com	RN	Yes	Yes		
Brett Ferguson	314-484-0537	brettaferguson@yahoo.com	Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>This is a list of medical professionals who are available to assist in an acute medical situation (not to address chronic conditions). Please be respectful and not share contact information without first discussing with these individuals.</p>							