



# Child Safety Information

**You are so important at Second Baptist! We want you to feel loved, cared for, and safe every time you attend one of our programs, camps, or events. You can help us be as safe as we possibly can be by using your voice and practicing good touches!**

## **Please SPEAK UP and talk to a leader...**

-If you see someone in the children's area who you don't think is supposed to be there. It's okay if you're not sure.

We are VERY careful about who has access to our kids' areas. If you think you see someone you don't know or makes you uncomfortable let us know.

-If you're ever alone with one other person during ministry times. It doesn't matter if that person is an adult or a child, we want to have at least three people in each room at all times.\*

-If you're ever worried that you are in danger, even from someone who doesn't attend.

-If an adult hits, spansks, grabs, or touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable. We don't do that kind of punishment during ministry times.

-If someone bothers you or won't leave you alone in the bathroom. We believe that going to the bathroom should be private time.

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*\* This rule doesn't apply to counseling situations. If you ever need to talk to an adult privately about stuff you don't want others to hear, we can do that! There are special counseling guidelines we will follow when meeting alone with kids. You parents can know more about these guidelines by asking a member of our ministry staff for more information.*

-If an adult tries to privately text, call, or “follow” (friend) you on social media. All adults who serve at Second Baptist know they are not supposed to reach out directly to you. The right way to reach you is through your parents.

-If you hear an adult or child use hurtful words. At Second Baptist, we want all the words we use to be encouraging, uplifting, and kind. No one should ever name-call, tell hurtful jokes, use bad language, or use any other type of words that hurt.

-If an adult gives you a gift privately. It’s great to get a gift! Sometimes at Second Baptist, kids will receive gifts that encourage them or help them know Jesus more, but adults are not supposed to give gifts in secret at our church.

-If you ever feel bullied. Bullying can take many forms. Sometimes bullying can be physical, like pushing or punching. Other times it happens through mean words or rude

treatment. You should never be bullied by anyone, adult or child, at Second Baptist.

**Please practice RIGHT touches, not WRONG touches!**

Examples of RIGHT touches: Side hugs, pats on the shoulder, pats on the back, handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, arms around shoulders. Examples of WRONG touches: hugging from the front, kisses, lap-sitting, wrestling, tickling, piggyback rides.

**A note to all parents and guardians:**

We are absolutely committed to creating the safest environment for children and leaders at Second Baptist. We believe that the more people who know our child protection guidelines, the safer we become as a church family! Thank you for partnering with us to ensure our spaces are as safe as possible.

If you need to report a concern or suspicion of abuse, please visit [www.secondbaptist.org/minorsafety](http://www.secondbaptist.org/minorsafety)

