

The Burke UMC Safe Sanctuaries Policy is a document combining:
Child Protection
Emergency Action
Disaster Preparedness



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I. PURPOSE

- a. To help Burke United Methodist Church provide a caring, safe, and secure environment for people in all phases of church life.
- b. To help Burke United Methodist Church reduce its legal risk and liability exposure.

II. BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

Burke United Methodist Church seeks to express God's love of all people and provide for their personal wholeness. This caring community seeks to provide safety, reduce risk, prevent child abuse, and be in ministry to all families.

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:17-19

And they were bringing children to him, that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it He was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And He took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. Mark 10: 12-16

Our goal in response to God's desire for all people to be protected and loved is to maintain a safe, secure, and loving place where people can grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Our Mission: Welcoming all to learn, celebrate, and share Christ's life-changing love!

III. FACILITY SAFETY

1. MISSING CHILD

Children are not to be unattended in the Burke UMC facility or on the grounds. The following rules are to be enforced by parents, teachers/facilitators, leaders, & staff:

- Nursery 6th grade children are not to be unattended in the Burke UMC facility.
- Nursery 6th grade children may not be released to any adult, older sibling, or person not listed on registration information.

In the event of a missing child:

- Notify other adults in vicinity immediately.
- Notify ushers/Welcome Center personnel immediately.
- Spread to all doors of church to ensure that if the child is still in the building, they cannot leave.
- Notify Pastor or Director of Christian Education so announcement can be made.
- Conduct immediate search of facility & surrounding area.
- Call 911.

- Have current photo (part of Sunday School registration) available for congregation members and emergency personnel to see. (DCE or Assistant DCE can attain.)

2. MEDIA CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

To help ensure that all media receive accurate, identical information, please direct any and all media inquiries you might receive to the Senior Pastor. (The Senior Pastor may appoint the Director of Communications or other person to act in his/her stead.)

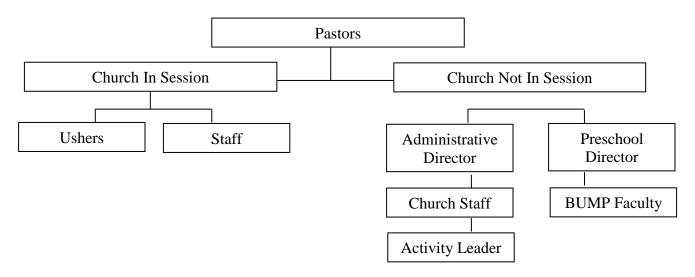
3. GENERAL COMMUNICATION

Official unscheduled closing of the facility for cancellation of regular or special activities for unscheduled reasons will be determined and communicated to employees and congregation via internet, social media, recording on church's voicemail, and a posted sign whenever possible. Burke UMC follows the closing/cancellation policy of Fairfax County Schools unless otherwise communicated.

Program directors will provide parents:

- a) Advance notice including complete information about events and activities with written permission forms,
- b) BUMC policy and procedures for preventing child abuse, and communication about any concerns, fears, or worries regarding their child or youth and/or a particular staff person or volunteer.

4. EMERGENCY CHAIN OF COMMAND



5. SAFE SANCTUARIES & BUILDING USE AGREEMENT

All organizations or persons who use the BUMC facility must be notified of and adhere to the BUMC Safe Sanctuaries policy. A signed copy of both the Safe Sanctuaries signature

form and the Building Use Agreement should be kept in the church office.

6. BUILDING SAFETY

- All classroom doors should have a window or a half door.
- A sign in/sign out procedure will be used for all activities.
- The Superintendent or other appointed staff or volunteer will act as a hall monitor during Sunday School hours.
- An usher or greeter will be present in the lobby area during the Sunday School hour.

7. WEAPON FREE ZONE

In November of 2016 the Administrative Board unanimously voted to support the statement in the UMC *Book of Resolutions* as stated below making Burke UMC a Weapon Free Zone.

Whereas, in keeping with the spirit of Isaiah 2:4: "God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows, and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war"; Whereas, reflecting the church's traditional role as a place of safety and sanctuary, Therefore, every United Methodist church is officially declared a weapon-free zone.

Resolution #5011, 2008 Book of Resolutions, Resolution #241, 2004 Book of Resolutions, Resolution #227, 2000 Book of Resolutions

8. RELEASE OF STUDENTS

7-12th grade students will be released at the end of the Sunday School hour. Nursery – 6th grade students will only be released to an adult whose name is listed on the child's registration form – or an older sibling (7th grade or older) who has been listed on the registration form. Any changes must be communicated to the Director of Christian Education or Education Assistant prior to the start of Sunday School.

9. OPEN CLASSROOMS

Classrooms or child care rooms may be visited without prior notice by church staff, parents, or other volunteer church workers. Brief observation of child care rooms and classrooms of children or youth are to be conducted by the Director of Christian Education or other appropriate staff during Sunday School hours. Observation of new teachers and leaders shall take place during their first 2 months of service by a supervisory person.

10. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES FOR MINORS

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

For children in nursery care, a security check-in/check-out procedure will be followed. The child will be signed in by a parent or guardian, who will receive a numbered beeper for the child. The parent or guardian must present the numbered beeper in order to sign out the child from our care.

In the event that a parent or guardian is unable to present the beeper, the Director of Christian Education will be contacted. He/She will be responsible for releasing the child to the care of a parent or guardian after discussing the surrounding circumstances with the parent or guardian.

All Events Where Minors Are Present:

- The activity leader must have a permission or registration form which includes emergency contact information & consent as well as a list of adults who are authorized to sign out a minor.
- The activity leader must have an attendance sheet that they keep on their person.
- The activity leader will not release minor to any unauthorized person. Authorized pick-up persons must sign out on the attendance sheet. (Attendance sheets are kept for one year.)

11. OPEN DOOR POLICY

Classroom doors should remain open unless there is a window in the door or a side window beside it. Doors should never be locked while persons are inside the room (preschool exception).

During preschool hours, teachers are to lock their classroom doors when there are 2 adults inside the room. They are to keep their key on their person.

During preschool hours (M-Th, 10AM-2PM) hallway doors are to remain closed. Guests visiting the building should wear their BUMC name badge, or pick up a visitor badge and sign in with the Office Angel or main office staff.

12. WELL CHILD POLICY

It is our desire to provide a healthy and safe environment for all of the children at Burke United Methodist Church. Parents are encouraged to be considerate of other children when deciding whether to place a child under our care. In general, children with the following symptoms should NOT be dropped off:

- Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 48 hours
- Green or yellow runny nose
- Eye or skin infections
- Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease

Children who are observed by our workers to be ill will be separated from other children and the parent or guardian will be contacted to request that the child be picked up for the day.

13. MEDICATIONS POLICY

It is the policy of Burke United Methodist Church not to administer either prescription or non-prescription medications to minors under our care. Medications should be administered by a parent at home. Parents are reminded of our well child policy.

Exceptions to the medications policy may be granted to parents of children with potentially life-threatening conditions (such as asthma or severe allergic reactions). Parents of such children should address their situation with the Director of Christian Education to develop a plan of action.

IV. PHYSICAL INTIMIDATION, VIOLENCE, OR THREATS

1. SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR BEHAVIOR

a. Inform another staff or church member what you are doing & ask them to

- accompany you before approaching the intruder.
- b. Politely greet the intruder & identify yourself.
- c. Ask the intruder the purpose of his/her visit. If possible, attempt to identify the individual and/or vehicle. (Use phone to take photo if available.)
- d. If intruder's purpose is not legitimate, ask him/her to leave & accompany the intruder to the exit.
- e. Notify the church staff of the incident.
- If the intruder refuses to leave:
 - a. Notify a staff or church member to call the police.
 - b. Give the police a full description of person & behavior.
 - c. Back away from the intruder if he/she indicates a potential for violence. Allow an avenue of escape, do not block the way out for the intruder.
 - d. Be aware of the intruder's actions at this time (where he/she is located in the building, whether he/she is carrying a weapon or package, etc.)

2. DOMESTIC SITUATION

- 1. Remain calm.
- 2. If it is safe to do so, alert other people that an emergency or danger is present or imminent; and quietly leave the area.
- 3. If you observe volatile behavior politely ask to intercede.
 - a. Continue to monitor the situation.
 - b. If it accelerates, call 911.
- 4. Notify senior pastor or staff.

3. CHURCH VIOLENCE/MENACING PERSON

If a violent incident occurs at BUMC, the first priority is to protect the people of our congregation. The following steps should be followed:

- 1. Call 911.
- 2. If there is an opportunity to keep the invader out by locking doors and/or closing off areas of the church, do so.
- 3. If there is an opportunity to remove all members and guests from the premises, do so as quickly as possible. (If two adults are present, one adult should alert children and other people present to quietly leave the area.)
- 4. Remain calm and cooperate with the person(s); make no sudden movements.
- 5. Quickly control panic situations. By doing so, you will be more likely to conduct a sequenced evacuation, if possible.
- 6. A pastor, staff member, or usher should take charge and provide orders to be followed. (If none of those positions are present, you are in charge.)
- 7. All orders must be clear and direct, such as the following:
 - a) "Ushers, secure the building."
 - b) "(Name), contact the police."
 - c) "(Name), secure the nursery."
 - d) "Everyone take cover on the floor."
- 8. Staff or volunteers should not work alone in the building.
- 9. Staff & ushers will institute an internal distress code that will signal the need for help.
- 10. All church doors should be locked except when in use and then access points should be unlocked only if necessary. (During most operating hours, all BUMC doors remain locked other than the main entrance closest to the office.)

4. LOCK-DOWN PROCEDURES

In general, there are two main lockdown situations:

- Lockdown with warning: The threat is outside the church building.
- Lockdown with intruder: The threat or intruder is inside the church building.

1. Lockdown with Warning Procedures

The following procedures should be followed when the threat is outside of the church building:

- Building administrator (DCE, Preschool Director, Church Staff) orders and announces "lockdown with warning." Be direct. DO NOT USE CODES. This announcement should be repeated several times.
 - Important:
 - Special attention should be paid to classes that are outside of the church building, such as the playground, garden, or outdoor learning platform.
 - Teachers must be able to hear the lockdown announcement.
 - An alternate lockdown location must be identified. This location can be indoors or outdoors (if students can be safely hidden).
- Lock exterior doors.
- Clear hallways, restrooms, and other rooms that cannot be secured.
- Secure and cover classroom windows if possible.
- Move all persons away from the windows.
 - Take attendance of students in each classroom.
 - Teachers should prepare a list of missing and extra students in the room.
 - Teachers should take this list with them once they are directed to leave the classroom.
- Control all movement, but continue classes. Move on announcement only.
- Once the threat has subsided, the building administrator announces "all clear."

2. Lockdown with Intruder Procedures

The following procedures should be followed when the threat or intruder is inside of the church building:

- Building administrator orders and announces "lockdown with intruder." Be direct. DO NOT USE CODES. This announcement should be repeated several times.
- Immediately direct all students, staff, and visitors into the nearest classroom or secured space.
- Classes that are outside of the building SHOULD NOT enter the building.
- Move outside classes to the posted assembly point or other safe area.
- Lock classroom doors if possible.
- DO NOT lock exterior doors.
- Move people away from the windows and doors. Keep all students sitting on the floor, and turn off the lights.
- Take attendance of students in each classroom.
- Teachers should prepare a list of missing and extra students in the room.
- Teachers should prepare to take this list with them once they are directed to leave the classroom.
- DO NOT respond to anyone at the door until "all clear" is announced.
- Keep out of sight.
- Be prepared to ignore any fire alarm activation, as the church will not be evacuated using this method.
- When or if students are moved out of the classroom, assist them in moving as

- quietly and quickly as possible.
- When the threat is over/the intruder has left the building, the building administrator announces "all clear."

V. WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCIES

1. WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION

Blizzards

- 1. Monitor approaching winter storm conditions, such as freezing rain, sleet, heavy snow, sustained high winds, and wind-chill conditions.
- 2. Ensure that employees/volunteers are aware of cold weather safety rules and understand policies for operating or closing under adverse weather conditions. (Burke UMC follows the closing policies of Fairfax County Public School. Exceptions are made at the direction of the staff, and the congregation is notified through e-mail, web site, social media, and phone calls if necessary.)

Floods

- 1. Monitor weather reports.
- 2. Secure the building, closing windows and inside doors.
- 3. In heavy rains, be aware of flash floods. If you see any possibility of a flash flood occurring, evacuate.
- 4. If you are advised to evacuate, calmly leave immediately.

Lightning

- 1. When a thunderstorm threatens, go immediately inside for protection.
- 2. Indoors, stay away from phones, windows and water, including sinks and faucets.

Tornadoes, Severe Thunderstorms, & Hurricanes

- 1. A "Watch" means weather conditions are favorable to the formation of a bad storm. Listen closely to emergency stations and be prepared to take action in the event a warning is released.
- 2. A "Warning" means a storm has been sighted in the area. Immediately notify building occupants to shelter-in-place.

2. WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY ACTIONS

- 1. If you are a building leader, use your location's weather alert media channel or service to monitor the approach and severity of the weather.
- 2. If the Weather Service issues a severe weather or tornado warning for your immediate area, warn all individuals:
 - a. Using the "all call" function on the telephones.
 - b. Verbally and/or by using a megaphone (located in emergency kits).
 - c. If during worship, by alerting the pastor to make announcement from pulpit.
- 3. Discourage occupants from leaving the building.
- 4. Close all doors; stay away from windows.
- 5. Move to your shelter-in-place areas.
- 6. If you are the designated leader, get an emergency kit and bring it to your shelter location.
- 7. Remain in the shelter area until an all-clear is given.
- 8. Reconvene building occupants when the emergency is past to make sure everyone is safe.

The Head Usher or Activity Leader is asked to set his/her phone to receive information from the Fairfax County Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN).

Shelter-In-Place

Best Locations	Areas to Avoid
 Basement Rooms B1-B5 	- Fellowship Hall
 Inside walls on opposite side from the 	- Sanctuary
direction the storm is approaching.	- Narthex
 Interior hallway in basement (no 	- Entryway
windows; doors secured at either end)	- Rooms with windows
 Restrooms without windows 	

Emergency Kits containing the following will be located in: Church Office, Preschool Office, Kitchen, Education Wing Basement (Near B2), basement under sanctuary (near room B12), and basement under Music Wing (near B7).

- First aid supplies with instructions, Pager, Latex gloves, Flashlights/batteries, Portable am/fm radios/batteries, Two-way radios, NOAA Radio/batteries, Megaphone, Duct Tape, Map of building, Bottled Water, Diapers

Outdoor Assembly Points:

These positions are noted with a posted sign.

- Handicapped Parking in Circular Drive
- Preschool Parking lot
- Southeast Corner of Parking Lot on Burke Lake Road

VI. CONTAMINANTS

In the event that hazardous materials have been released into the atmosphere, occupants of the building will be asked to go to the shelter-in-place locations listed in the previous section. You would be notified of a need to take shelter by emergency personnel, local authorities, or information provided by emergency alert.

- Shut & secure exterior doors.
- Ask that nobody leave the building.
- Take the first aid kits & emergency kits to the shelter location.
- Keep an attendance record of who is present. Get names & phone numbers.
- Close all windows, cover all vents with plastic secured by duct tape, and seal windows & doors with duct tape. (Supplies located inside emergency kits.)
- Stay away from windows & doors as much as possible.
- Someone should turn off the HVAC systems in the area of Shelter-in-Place thermostats.
- Be quiet, remain calm, away instructions.
- Unless there is an imminent threat, contact family members of those present to let them know that their child/loved one is at the church in a shelter-in-place.
- Stay in shelter until emergency personnel or church spokesperson alerts you that the dangers is over.

VII. MEDICAL EMERGENCY

1. MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the event of an injury or other medical emergency, follow these guidelines:

1. Call 911

- a. Identify your location
- b. Describe the situation
 - What has happened?
 - What types of injuries are there?
 - What kind of help is needed?
- 2. Obtain or provide on-site first aid. (First aid kits can be found in the BUMC kitchen, basement kitchenette, and main office. Room maps note the location of First Aid kits.)
- 3. Alert any necessary individuals that an emergency is occurring.
- 4. Alert office staff or Director of Christian Education or group leader so that access to emergency records can be attained. (A copy of all emergency forms must be placed in the white box inside the church office prior to the start of an event or activity.)
- 5. Alert family as appropriate.
- 6. Send someone to the parking lot to direct the emergency team.

2. FIRST AID

According to the American College of Physicians, an emergency can best be handled by remembering four things: Prevent, Prepare, Recognize, and Act. By taking these steps and applying them to a church setting, you will better be able to protect the people and ministries at Burke UMC. The following describes each of these steps in detail.

Prevent:

- Before beginning any job or activity, leaders should always determine the abilities and limitations of the participants. Ask yourself what risks there may be in doing the job or activity.
- Inspections also can be a great deterrent in preventing unwanted accidents. It is
 important to look at the location and equipment being used to determine if they
 are safe.

Prepare:

- Have emergency forms for all people in your care (or know their location).
- Know the location of the nearest land-line telephone & first-aid kit.

Recognize:

• When something serious happens, it is important to be able to distinguish between what is minor versus injuries that are life threatening. Caution should be used. Without any training or knowledge, an injury could be compounded.

Act:

Once you have made a determination that something needs to be done, it is time to act. The following are steps to take when responding to an emergency:

- Call 911.
- Act immediately.
 - Look for a medical ID tag or bracelet on the person's wrist, neck, or ankle.
 - Determine if the person can move his or her body without any pain.
 - o If the person can move his or her body without any pain, and there are no other signals of injury, have him or her attempt to rest in a sitting or other comfortable position.
- Check breathing. [See chart on page 12]

- Stop any bleeding. A snug bandage or pressure dressing can often stop or slow bleeding. If this does not work, press firmly at the point that cuts blood flow off to the injured area.
- Check for shock. Is the face drained of color, skin cold and moist? Is there a rapid, weak pulse or fainting? If so, have the victim lie down and attempt to calm them. [Chart pg.
- Give attention to the possibility of poisoning. If poisoning is suspected, call the Nationwide Poison Center at (800) 222-1222 and 911 if necessary.
- Should You Move Them? Unless the victim is in immediate danger, do not attempt to move them.
- If a broken bone is obvious, keep the extremity still so that the joints are immobilized.
- Treat burns. Burns may be caused by chemicals or heat.
 - Check for life-threatening conditions.
 - Cool the burn with large amounts of cold running water.
 - Cover the burn loosely with a sterile dressing.

DO NOT:

- Apply ice or ice water. Ice can cause the body to lose heat & cause further damage.
- Touch a burn with anything except a clean covering.
- Remove pieces of clothing that stick to the burned area.
- Try to clean a severe burn.
- Break blisters.
- Use any kind of ointment.
- Bandage wounds. When it is necessary to bandage a wound, a sterile dressing should be used. This will help keep infection down, reduce bleeding and lessen pain.

DON'T SECOND GUESS—CALL 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number if the person—

- Is unconscious, unusually confused or seems to be losing
- Has trouble breathing or is breathing in a strange way.
- Has chest discomfort, pain or pressure that persists for more Has a severe headache or slurred speech or other trouble than 3 to 5 minutes or goes away and comes back.
- Has pressure or discomfort in the abdomen that does not go away.
- Is vomiting blood or passing blood.
- Has a seizure lasting more than 5 minutes or has multiple seizures.
- Has a seizure and is pregnant.
- · Has a seizure and is diabetic.
- speaking.
- Has weakness or numbness in his or her body.
- Appears to have been poisoned.
- · Has injuries to the head, neck or back.
- Has possible broken bones.

Checking an Unconscious Adult

(APPEARS TO BE UNCONSCIOUS)

FOR ADULT (AGE 12 OR OLDER)

(TIP: Wear disposable gloves and personal protective equipment.)

STEP 1

CHECK scene, then CHECK person.

STEP 2

Tap shoulder and shout, "Are you okay?"

STEP 3

No response, CALL 9-1-1.

(TIP: If an unconscious person is face-down—Roll face-up supporting head, neck and back.)

STEP 4

Open airway (tilt head, lift chin), **CHECK** for signs of life (movement and breathing) for no more than 10 seconds.

STEP 5

If no breathing, give 2 rescue breaths.

(TIP: Irregular, gasping or shallow breaths are NOT effective.)

STEP 6

If breathing, place in recovery position and monitor Airway, Breathing and Circulation (ABCs).

WHAT TO DO NEXT

IF BREATHS GO IN—Quickly scan the body for severe bleeding and get into position to perform CPR or use an AED (if AED is immediately available).







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FIGURE 3-17, A-C A, Help a victim of shock lie down. B, Elevate the person's legs about 12 inches. C, Keep the person from getting chilled or overheated.







- Help the person maintain normal body temperature (Fig. 3-17, C).
 If the person is cool, try to cover him or her to avoid chilling.
- Do not give the person anything to eat or drink, even though he or she is likely to be thirsty. The person's condition may be
- severe enough to require surgery, in which case it is better if the stomach is empty.
- · Reassure the person.
- Continue to monitor the person's airway, breathing and circulation.

SEIZURES

When the normal workings of the brain are disrupted by injury, disease, fever or infection, the electrical activity of the brain becomes irregular. This can cause a loss of body control known as a seizure. Seizures may be caused by extreme heat, a diabetic condition or an injury to the brain.

Seizures may be caused by an acute or chronic condition. The chronic condition is known as epilepsy. Over 2 million Americans have epilepsy. Epilepsy is usually controlled with medication. Still, some people with epilepsy have seizures from time to time. Others who go a long time without a seizure may think the condition has gone away and stop taking their medication. These people may then have a seizure again.

A person with epilepsy may experience something called an *aura* before the seizure occurs. An aura is an unusual sensation or feeling such

as a visual hallucination; strange sound, taste or smell; or an urgent need to get to safety. If the person recognizes the aura, he or she may have time to tell bystanders and sit down before the seizure occurs.

Seizures range from a blank stare or period of distorted sensation during which the person is unable to respond to sudden, uncontrolled muscular contractions called *convulsions*, which last several minutes. Infants and young children are at risk for seizures brought on by high fever. These are called *febrile* (heat-induced) *seizures*.

Although it may be frightening to see someone unexpectedly having a seizure, you should remember that most seizures last only for a few minutes and the person usually recovers without problems.

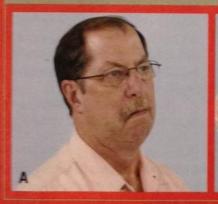
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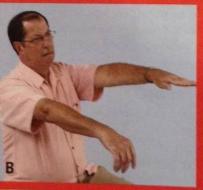
FAST RECOGNITION OF STROKE

For a stroke, think FAST!

- Face—Weakness on one side of the face (Fig. 9-3, A).
 Ask the person to smile. This will show if there is drooping or weakness in the muscles on one side of the face.
- Arm—Weakness or numbness in one arm (Fig. 9-3, B).
 Ask the person to raise both arms to find out if there is weakness in the limbs.
- Speech—Slurred speech or trouble speaking.
 Ask the person to speak a simple sentence to listen for slurred or distorted speech. Example: "I have the lunch orders ready."
- Time—Time to CALL 9-1-1 or the local emergency number if you see any of these signals.
 - Note the time that the signals began and call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number right away.

FIGURE 9-3, A-B





The FAST mnemonic is based on the Cincinnati Pre-Hospital Stroke Scale, which was originally developed for emergency medical services (EMS) workers in 1997. The scale was designed to help paramedics identify strokes in the field, so that they can prepare the emergency room before they arrive. The FAST method for public awareness has been in use in the community in Cincinnati, Ohio since 1999, and has since been used in several other variations of the message. It was validated by researchers at the University of North Carolina in 2003.

CRITICAL FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

ASPIRIN CAN LESSEN HEART ATTACK DAMAGE

You may be able to help a conscious person who is showing early signals of a heart attack by offering him or her an appropriate dose of aspirin when the signals first begin. However, you should never delay calling 9-1-1 or the local emergency number to do never delay call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number as soon as this. Always call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number as soon as you recognize the signals, and then help the person to be comfortable before you give the aspirin.

Then, if the person is able to take medicine by mouth, ask if he or she—

- · Is allergic to aspirin.
- · Has a stomach ulcer or stomach disease.
- Is taking any blood thinners, such as Coumadin™ or Warfarin™.
- Has been told by a doctor not to take aspirin.

If the person answers no to all of these questions, you may offer him or her two chewable (162 mg) baby aspirins, or up to one 5-grain (325 mg) adult aspirin tablet with a small amount of water. Be sure that you only use aspirin and not Tylenol, acetaminophen, Motrin, Advil or ibuprofen, which are painkillers. Likewise, do not use coated aspirin products or products meant for multiple uses such as cold, fever and headache.

You may also offer these doses of aspirin if you have cared for the person and he or she has regained consciousness and is able to take the aspirin by mouth.

CARE FOR A HEART ATTACK

- Recognize the signals of a heart attack.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number immediately for help.
- Convince the person to stop activity and rest.
- Try to obtain additional information about the person's condition.
- Comfort the person.
- Assist with medication, if prescribed.
- Offer an aspirin, if medically appropriate and local protocols allow (see page 70).
- Monitor the person's condition.
- Be prepared to give CPR and to use an AED.

VIII. FIRE EMERGENCY

All staff and volunteer leaders should evaluate the building to ensure they have a working knowledge of where classrooms & exits are located. You should know who would need to be evacuated in case of fire (building occupants), the physical features of our building, the location of emergency resources in each area of our facility, and where to evacuate and assemble in a safe location outside the building while you wait for the fire department.

All classrooms at Burke UMC have an evacuation map posted on the wall. Note your location & the closest exits to your position. The map also indicates the location of first-aid kits, emergency kits, and assembly locations.

One of more of the following actions can activate a fire alarm:

- A person activates the fire alarm pull box.
- A smoke detector senses smoke.
- An automatic sprinkler activates.

When the fire alarm is activated:

- The fire systems horns sound a pattern of pulsating tones and the strobe lights also indicate alarm activation.
- The alarm monitoring company receives automatic notification when an alarm is activated and contacts the Fairfax County Emergency Communications Center.

1. FIRE EMERGENCY

If an individual sees fire or detects smoke or a burning odor, the following actions should be taken:

- Do not use elevators.
- Pull the closest fire alarm to initiate building evacuation.
- If there is no immediate danger to yourself or others, if the fire is smaller than a basketball, and if it is not between you and the exit, you may use the nearest fire extinguishers to fight the fire
 - o PASS
 - Pull
 - Aim
 - Squeeze
 - Sweep
- Call 911.
- If church is in session:
 - A pastor or Head Usher should make an announcement that all persons should leave the building and assure parents that their children's teacher will take them to the designated assembly areas.
 - The Head Usher will be responsible for the safe evacuation of the congregation to exit the building. The usher/greeter team will help instruct and guide the congregation in exiting the building and going to the designated safe place. The Head Usher or designee will walk through the sanctuary and surrounding areas to see if anyone is left behind and report results to the fire department. The staff will assist.
- Meet at assembly points. [Appendix A]
- Account for all individuals once assembled.
- Follow all instructions from the fire department and police.

• Do not go back into the building. (Re-enter only after the all-clear is given by the fire department.)

IX. POWER OUTAGE

- Assess the extent of the outage using flashlights located in the supply kits.
- Report the outage to the office or other person as listed on chain of command. [APPENDIX D]
- Help occupants in darkened work areas move to safe locations.

X. BOMB THREAT

- Precautions: Do not use cellular phone or two-way radios (this may activate electronic trigger mechanisms).
- Open all doors and windows of evacuated areas.
- Avoid the elevators if possible.

Critical Information:

- All bomb threats must be taken seriously until they are assessed.
- The decision whether or not to evacuate rests with the church, not the responding agencies, unless a device is located. (Refer to chain of command, APPENDIX D)

Procedures upon receiving a bomb threat:

- By phone call: complete the checklist for telephone threats [APPENDIX E]
 - Be calm and courteous. Listen; do not interrupt.
 - Use the following Bomb Threat checklist to record all information provided by the caller.
 - After the caller hangs up, call 9-911 immediately.
 - Take the checklist with you as you evacuate the building.
- By written note:
 - Notify the church administrator or other adult to contact the police.
 - Preserve the evidence, in plastic bag if available.
 - Photograph words written on walls.
- If you find an item you suspect is a bomb:
 - 1. Do NOT touch, move, or disturb the item.
 - 2. Immediately call 911 or other designated emergency number on your Local Emergency Contact Numbers list (page 4).
 - 3. Notify appropriate members on your Member Emergency Contact list (page 4).
 - 4. Keep everyone away from the area until help arrives.

XI. REDUCING THE RISK OF CHILD ABUSE

In an effort to create the safest possible environment within our church, several abuse prevention measures will be utilized. These measures include screening of paid and volunteer workers for past child abuse convictions or charges or expungements (overcome, conquered, defeated), provision for regular training on child abuse issues to paid and volunteer staff members, use of the two

leader rule, standards for appropriate classroom discipline and open classrooms.

1. SIX MONTH RULE

Anyone working with children or youth at BUMC must be an active participant or a member of the church for at least six (6) months. New workers may be assigned a mentor who will be available to assist the new worker's understanding of procedures and policy during the first six (6) months of service. The person serving as mentor should have experience in the same area of church ministry but does not have to work along side or be in constant sight of the new worker.

2. SCREENING

Before beginning the first year of service, each paid staff member or volunteer who works with children will be asked to attend an orientation session and sign a statement indicating that he/she agrees to abide by the *Safe Sanctuaries Policy* of Burke United Methodist Church. They must also submit a "Child & Youth Worker Screening Form."

In addition, applicants for paid staff positions and leaders who will be attending overnight events must be interviewed, provide references and undergo a national "barrier crimes" background check. Reports will remain confidential and will be reviewed only by the Pastor, Director of Christian Education and/or designated staff person. Files containing reports on background checks will be kept in a secure area and be accessible only to the Pastor, Director of Christian Education and/or designated staff person.

Anyone who has had a conviction, charge, or expungement of any "barrier crime" as well as anyone refusing to sign the statement will not be permitted to work with children. References will be contacted as needed to determine if any known reason exists for denying this person the opportunity to serve as a child or youth worker. Documentation will be made showing that references were checked and found to be satisfactory.

Following a term of service (annually) a supervisory person will complete the "annual review" portion of follow-up form for each worker. These remarks should indicate whether or not the worker performed within the guidelines of BUMC policy.

Costs for criminal check and other such expenses will be born by the Church. Screening requirements differ according to the extent and frequency of contact with children/youth. An outline of screening procedures follows:

Orientation and Screening Procedures

Requirements	Positions
1. Child & Youth Worker Screening Form	All adults who work or volunteer with
2. Safe Sanctuary Orientation Session	children.
3. Signed BUMC Safe Sanctuary	
Agreement	
4. Driving record check	Only necessary if driving is part of
	volunteer position.
5. Barrier crimes background check	Paid staff.
	Volunteers who attend overnight events.
6. Follow-up report by administration	Paid staff.
(reference check, interview, annual review)	Only as necessary for other positions.

3. STAFF TRAINING

Before beginning their first year of service, all paid and volunteer child/youth workers will participate in training that explains church policy, rationale, church and individual liability, indicators of child abuse, reporting, and responding procedures. This "Safe Sanctuary" training may be conducted in separate sessions and/or may be part of regularly scheduled training for the staff of BUMC Preschool and the volunteer staff that carries out programs for BUMC. Additional awareness training will be made available for all church members so that part-time child/youth volunteers as well as our church body may be part of a conscientious effort to secure a safe environment for all people. This training will be approved and implemented by the Director of Christian Education.

4. TWO LEADER RULE

Leaders will be assigned in teams of two or more for all children or youth activities. These two leaders will be unrelated adults age 18 or older and at least 5 years older than the children and youth they are with. If the group is divided, each subgroup will have two leaders. If there are not two leaders available for each group, then either the group will be combined with another group to make possible the presence of two leaders, or the activity will be canceled on that occasion.

Community groups of children or youth who meet at the church must have two or more leaders present who have signed the Safe Sanctuaries Agreement. If any group stays overnight at the church, or if a church sponsored group leaves the premises, two or more leaders must be present and must include at least one male and one female not related by marriage, if the group is mixed in gender.

5. BUDDY SYSTEM

Children infant -6^{th} grade are not to be unattended or alone in the building. 5^{th} - 12^{th} grade students, however, are permitted to make short trips away from the group with a buddy.

6. CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

All activity leaders and workers with children and youth will use the following discipline measures:

If a child is behaving inappropriately, the leader or worker will tell the child specifically what he/she is doing that is not acceptable and state what the expected behavior is (e.g., "We do not throw blocks. We use blocks for building."). If this measure is not effective, the child will be guided to another activity. If inappropriate behavior continues, the child may be placed at a table to work alone away from the other students. If the child's disruptive behavior continues after these steps have been taken, the child may be taken to their parent or guardian, DCE, or the primary leader for the activity and left under his or her supervision.

No physical punishment or verbal abuse (i.e., ridicule) is to be used at any time. If isolating the child within the classroom or removal of the child from the room becomes necessary, the situation will be discussed with the Director of Christian Education and the child's parents or guardian as soon as possible.

If there is an immediate situation and need for additional help, volunteers can communicate with the Hall Monitor/Superintendent using their walkie talkie.

7. CHURCH LIABILITY INSURANCE

BUMC Board of Trustees must insure BUMC carries adequate liability insurance coverage that applies to all of the different activities of the church, at and away from church premises, and it should work with a knowledgeable insurance agent who knows and understands the needs of a church.

8. RESTROOM GUIDELINES

Children should always go to the restroom in a group; a worker should never take a child to the bathroom alone. The workers should check the bathroom first to make sure that it is empty, and then allow the children inside. The workers should then remain outside the bathroom door and escort the children back to the classroom. If a child is taking longer than seems necessary, the worker should open the bathroom door and call the child's name. If a child requires assistance, the workers should prop open the bathroom door and leave the stall door open as he/she assists the child.

For the protection of all, workers should *never* be alone with a child in a bathroom with the door closed and never be in a closed bathroom stall with a child. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children visit the bathroom prior to each class.

9. ACCIDENTAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN

In the event that a child or youth is injured while under our care, the following steps should be followed:

- 1. For minor injuries, scrapes, and bruises, workers will provide First Aid (Band-Aids, etc.) as appropriate and will notify the child's parent or guardian of the injury at the time the child is picked up from our care.
- 2. For injuries requiring medical treatment beyond simple First Aid, the parent and/or guardian will immediately be summoned in addition to the worker's supervisor. If warranted by circumstances, an ambulance will be called.
- 3. Once the child has received appropriate medical attention, an incident report will be completed in the case of injuries requiring treatment by a medical professional.

10. ADEQUATE SUPERVISION

Adequate supervision will be provided at all times:

- One adult to three children, zero to twelve months of age.
- One adult to four children, ages twelve to twenty-four months
- One adult to six children, ages twenty-four months to thirty-six months
- One adult to eight children, ages three to eighteen years

The specific needs of individual children may require a change to these guidelines.

XII. PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE

Should there be an allegation of child abuse at Burke United Methodist Church, the following procedures shall be followed:

- 1. Any allegation of child abuse shall be treated seriously.
- 2. Pray for the church and all persons affected by the allegation.
- 3. Immediately begin documenting all procedures which occur in handling the allegation.
- 4. <u>Immediately notify the</u> Pastor and/or a member of the Safe Sanctuaries Committee about the

substance of the allegations, unless the allegations involve the Pastor. The person notified shall immediately contact the Pastor and/or other members of the Committee. As many members of the Committee as are immediately accessible shall be convened either in person or by telephone and the allegations shall be evaluated initially to determine whether there is a reason to suspect that child abuse may have occurred. The function of the Committee at this stage is not to conduct an investigation, but to determine, based upon the allegations and the information then in the possession of the Committee, whether a reason to suspect exists. In making such a determination, the Committee shall avail itself of such counsel as it deems necessary and as is immediately available, including, but not limited to, consultation with an attorney, with a representative of the church's insurance company, with the District Superintendent, and anonymously with the Virginia Department of Social Services.

- a. If the allegations involve the Pastor, the Chairperson of the Staff-Parish Committee shall be notified immediately, and he or she shall immediately notify the District Superintendent who shall direct the next steps taken by the church in responding to the allegations. The provisions of this Policy shall continue to apply except as the District Superintendent directs that other steps be taken.
- 5. If there is a reason to suspect that child abuse may have occurred, then the following steps shall be taken:
 - a. <u>Immediately notify the Virginia Department of Social Services</u> of the allegation. (800) 552-7096)
 - b. <u>Immediately notify the parents</u> if it is not known that they have previous knowledge.
 - c. Immediately notify the church's insurance company. (GuideOne: 1-877-448-4331)
 - d. Immediately notify the District Superintendent. (703.820.7200)
- 6. **Do not confront the accused with the allegation**. If the accused has assigned duties within the life of the church and the Child Protection Committee determines that the steps outlined in paragraph above are appropriate, that person must be temporarily relieved of their until the investigation is concluded.
- 7. The Pastor should extend whatever care and resources are necessary to those impacted by the allegation, but under <u>no</u> circumstances should the Pastor or any church leader or member investigate the allegation. In providing care to the principals (alleged victim and the accused) and their families, the Pastor or church leader, should under <u>no</u> circumstances be drawn into a discussion of the truth or falsity of the allegation which could contaminate the investigation. Do not assign blame or take any steps that involve establishing or refuting the allegation.
- 8. It is appropriate to show care and comfort for the alleged victim. This should be the pastoral objective from the moment the allegation is received or otherwise made known.
- 9. Observe confidentiality for both the alleged victim and the accused until advised to the contrary by the Child Protection Committee.
- 10. There shall be a single spokesperson for the Church who shall be designated by the Child

XIII. VIRGINIA'S CHILD ABUSE LAW

Under Section 63.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, an abused child is defined as one who is less than eighteen years of age,

- 1. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates or inflicts, threatens to create or inflict, or allows to be created or inflicted upon such child a physical or mental injury by other than accidental means, or creates a substantial risk of death, disfigurement, or impairment of bodily or mental functions, including but not limited to, a child who is with his parent or other person responsible for his care either (i) during the manufacture or attempted manufacture of a Schedule I or II controlled substance, or (ii) during the unlawful sale of such substance by that child's parents or other person responsible for his care, where such manufacture, or attempted manufacture or unlawful sale would constitute a felony violation of § 18.2 248;
- 2. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care neglects or refuses to provide care necessary for his health. However, no child who in good faith is under treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination shall for that reason alone be considered to be an abused or neglected child;
- 3. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care abandons such child;
- 4. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care commits or allows to be committed any act of sexual exploitation or any sexual act upon a child in violation of the law;
- 5. Who is without parental care or guardianship caused by the unreasonable absence or the mental or physical incapacity of the child's parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person standing in loco parentis; or
- 6. Whose parents or other person responsible for his care creates a substantial risk of physical or mental injury by knowingly leaving the child alone in the same dwelling, including an apartment as defined in § 55-79.2, with a person to whom the child is not related by blood or marriage and who the parent or other person responsible for his care knows has been convicted of an offense against a minor for which registration is required as a violent sexual offender pursuant to § 9.1-902.

An act of child abuse may be committed by any person responsible for the care of another individual who is less than eighteen years of age. It does not matter whether the person caring for the child under the age of 18 (hereinafter referred to as a "Child" or "Children", which term as used in this Policy also includes youth ages 12-18) is a compensated or a volunteer worker. It does not matter whether the person routinely is entrusted with the care of children or whether such individual only occasionally comes in contact with children. It does not matter whether the person was entrusted with the care of a child for an hour or only a moment. It only matters that a child was abused or neglected by the person who, on the occasion in question, was responsible for the child's care.

XIV. TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE

1. **Definition**

Child abuse refers to any act committed by a parent, caregiver or person in a position of trust (even though he or she may not care for the child on a daily basis) which is not accidental and which harms or threatens to harm a child's physical or mental health or welfare. The following definitions and explanations in this section are from the Virginia Department of Social Services.

2. Types of Abuse

- A. Physical abuse
 - Includes physical injury, threat of injury or creation of a real and significant danger of

substantial risk of death, disfigurement or impairment of bodily functions. Such injury or threat of injury, regardless of intent, is inflicted or allowed to be inflicted by non-accidental means. Examples include but are not limited to: asphyxiation (suffocating); bone fracture; brain damage; skull fracture; subdural hematoma (severe bruising); burns and scald injury; cuts; bruises; welts; abrasions; internal injuries; poisoning; sprains; dislocations; gunshot and stabbing wounds.

B. Physical Neglect

- Includes the failure to provide food, clothing, shelter, or supervision for a child if the child's health or safety is endangered. Physical neglect may include multiple occurrences or a one-time critical or severe event that results in a threat to the child's health or safety, such as a toddler left alone. Other types of neglect include, but are not limited to: abandonment; inadequate supervision; inadequate clothing; inadequate shelter; inadequate personal hygiene; inadequate food and malnutrition.

C. Sexual Abuse

- Any act defined in the code of Virginia which is committed or allowed to be committed, upon a child by his or her parent or other persons responsible for the child's care. Examples of such abuse include, but are not limited to: sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, intercourse, sodomy, and other sexual abuse.

D. Medical Neglect

- Refusal or failure by caretaker to obtain and/or follow through with a complete regimen of medical, mental or dental care for a condition, which if untreated, that could result in illness or developmental delays is medical neglect.

E. Failure to Thrive

- Failure to thrive is a syndrome of infancy or early childhood which is characterized by growth failure, signs of severe malnutrition, and variable degrees of developmental retardation. Children are considered to be in this category only when the syndrome is diagnosed by a physician and is caused by non-organic factors.

F. Mental Abuse/Neglect

A pattern of acts or omissions by the caretaker which result in harm to a child's psychological or emotional health or development defines mental abuse/neglect.

G. Educational Neglect

- Any action in which the child's caretaker is directly responsible for the failure of the child to attend school or an approved alternative program of study.

H. Bizarre Discipline

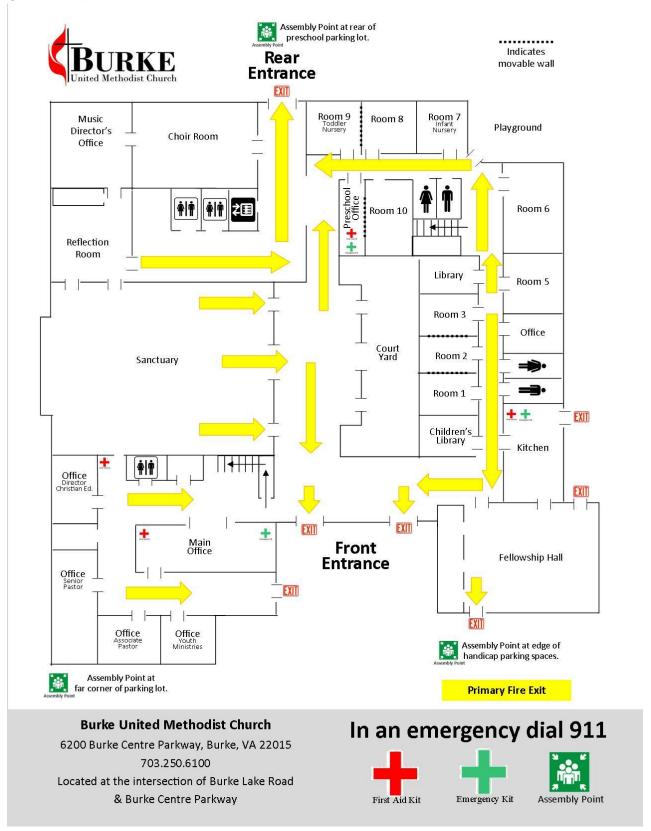
- Any action in which the caretaker uses eccentric, irrational or grossly inappropriate procedures or devices to modify the child's behavior is bizarre discipline.

XV. POLICY REVIEW

The Safe Sanctuaries Policy of Burke United Methodist Church shall be reviewed annually by the Director of Christian Education. Any changes made will include changes in law. A verification follow-up report will be made each year to the Administrative Board to insure the integrity of the policy and procedures.

APPENDIX A: Evacuation Maps

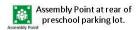
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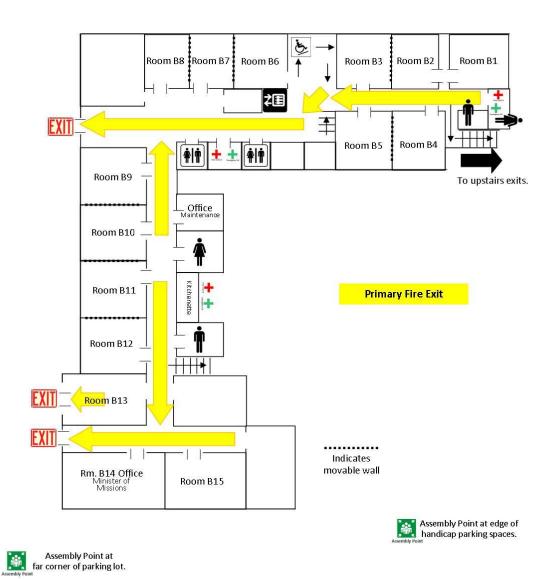


APPENDIX B: Evacuation Maps

LOWER LEVEL







Burke United Methodist Church

6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 703.250.6100

Located at the intersection of Burke Lake Road & Burke Centre Parkway

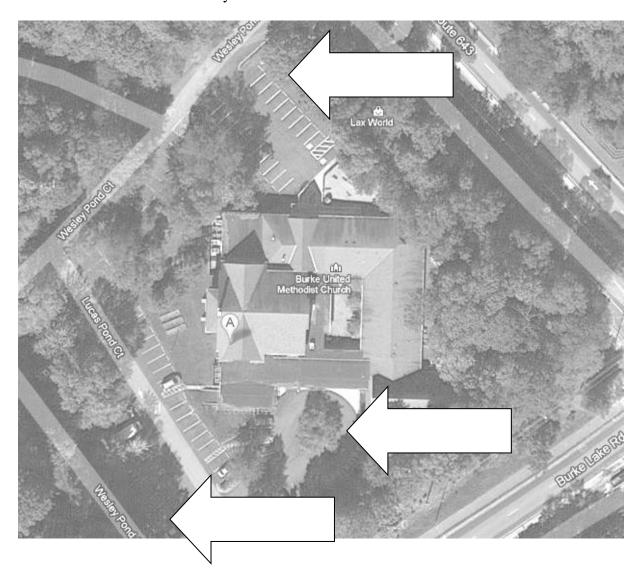
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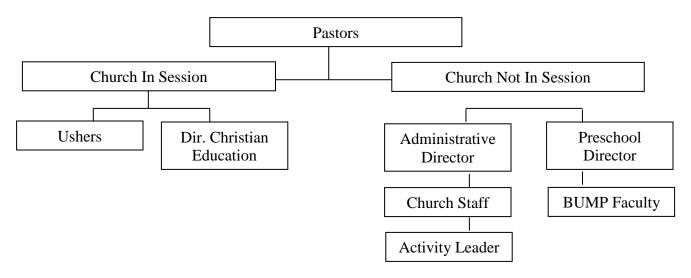
APPENDIX B: Evacuation Rally Points



APPENDIX C: Emergency Contacts

EMERGENCY	911		
Police Non Emergency	703-691-2131		
Fire Non Emergency	703-978-9200		
Fairfax County Emergency Information Line	703-817-7771		
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222		
Fairfax County Schools Emergency Hotline	800-839-3277		
Suicide Prevention	703-527-4077		
Fire Alarm Company (Siemens)	301-987-1200		
UTILITIES			
Telephone (Verizon)	800-275-2355		
Gas (Washington Gas)	703-750-1400		
Water (Ffx Cty Water Authority)	703-698-5800		
Sewer (Ffx Cty Public Works)	703-323-1211		
Miss Utility	800-552-7001		
Dominion Power	888-667-3000		
IMPORTANT CHURCH NUMBERS			
Maintenance Supervisor (Steve Breseman)	703-250-6120		
Trustees (Marc Sasseville)	703-978-6444		
Church Administrator (Jan Williams)	703-272-8867		
Insurance Broke (Joseph White Agency)	703-968-0800		
Director of Christian Ed. (Katie Webster)	540-379-4225		
OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS			
ATF	703-286-1110		
State Police	800-572-4510		
Secret Service	202-406-8000		
FBI	202-278-2000		
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222		

1. EMERGENCY CHAIN OF COMMAND



Bomb Threat Checklist

Be calm. Be courteous. Listen. Do not interrupt.

Name:		Time of call:	Date of call:		
		Start:			
		End:			
Dept.:		Number where call was received:			
Exact wo	ords of the caller:				
Question	ns to Ask				
When is t	When is the bomb going to explode?				
Where is	the bomb right now?				
What kind of bomb is it?					
What does it look like?					
Why did you place it?					
Where are you calling from?					
<u> </u>					
Did the caller indicate knowledge of your facility? No Yes					
	If yes, explain:				

Bomb Threat Checklist (Continued)							
Call Details:							
If the voice is familiar, who	does it sound like?						
Description of Caller's Voice and Speech Patterns:							
☐ Adult ☐ Youth	☐ Disguised	Ragged					
☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Distinct ☐ Slu	rred Raspy					
Accent	☐ Excited	Reading message					
Angry	☐ Foul language	☐ Slow ☐ Rapid					
☐ Calm	Incoherent	☐ Soft ☐ Loud					
☐ Clearing throat	☐ Irrational	Speech impediment					
☐ Cracking voice	Laughing	☐ Stuttering					
☐ Crying	Lisp	☐ Taped message					
☐ Deep ☐ High	☐ Nasal	☐ Well spoken					
Deep/unusual breathing	g Normal						
Description of Backgrou	ınd Noises:						
☐ Aircraft	Local	Office/office machinery					
Animal Animal	Long distance	PA system					
Clear	☐ Machinery	Quiet					
Dishes	☐ Motor	Static					
☐ Factory machinery	Music	☐ Street noises					
House		Voices					
Other (explain):							

After the caller hangs up, call 9-911 immediately.

Take this checklist with you as you evacuate the building