

Bathroom Policy

The reason this is in place is to ensure the safety and security of ALL our kids during the time that they are entrusted to our care. Though church is and should be a place of trust, we also want to be cautious about these issues so that nothing ever happens that would hinder or harm children, and/or the reputation of any of our leaders or the church as a whole. So please understand that this policy in no way a sign of distrust, but rather a standard of safety that we will all follow for the sake of the children.

1. **ALL children under 2nd grade (7-8 years old) MUST be escorted by a screened childcare worker to the bathroom.** (Kids 8+ should get permission from their class leader and then the a CM leader will assure their safety to/from class.)
2. **A ratio of 3 kids to 1 leader for bathroom trips is a max.** (Please be sensitive to the male/female ratio as well. If at all possible, try to take boys and girls on separate trips.)
3. **Children ages pre-k and under should be escorted by a leader into bathroom for help.***
***If the child is male and needing assistance, a female CM volunteer should escort him into the Women's restroom.** (Please be sensitive to the boy's understanding and comfortability with this... but it is for their safety.)
4. **All CM security guys will do regular bathroom checks and closely monitor any kids going in and out of the bathrooms** to make sure that there is nothing suspicious going on and that there is a screened CM volunteer supervising/assisting at all times for an extra security measure.
5. **If an older child has a bathroom/potty accident, please take them out of the class and have the security person call for the child's parents to assist with the situation.** This will help us to better keep things focused and sanitary for the rest of the kids in the room, as well as preventing further embarrassment for the child.
6. **DIAPER CHANGES: Diaper changes should be done by female volunteers or the child's parent only.** Please use the provided changing table and sanitize appropriately when finished. Rubber gloves are on the changing table. (Extra diapers/wipes are available there if needed.) If the diaper is excessively messy or if the child is in need of a clothing change, please have security person call for the parents so they can assist. (Parents should understand and respect this.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
IN THIS SENSITIVE AREA.**