

IMPORTANT YOUTH SAFETY PRACTICES

Arrival

Youth are the responsibility of their parent or guardian until the scheduled start time of a church-sponsored class, activity or event ("program"). At the scheduled program start time, all youth should go to the designated program location to check-in with an adult ministry leader. Once a youth has checked in with an adult ministry leader, they are then under the care and supervision of the adult ministry leaders.

During the Program

Youth are expected to remain in their assigned spaces/locations unless permission is given by an adult ministry leader. Youth are expected to return to their assigned spaces/locations in a timely fashion after using the restroom, getting a drink, etc.

Departure

At the scheduled end time, or shortly thereafter, all youth will be released from the program to locate their parents, guardians, ride home or to drive home. Church staff and volunteers are not responsible for youth once the program has ended unless alternate arrangements have been made in advance with Interim Youth Director, Beth Boemler. Parents or guardians picking up their children are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled end time and wait for their youth to be released.

If a youth program concludes before its scheduled end time, Church staff and volunteers will continue to provide care and supervision until the scheduled end time. Youth will be released at the scheduled end time to locate their parents, guardians, ride home or to drive home.

Leaving Early

Verbal authorization from a parent or guardian must be provided to an adult ministry leader before a youth may leave early.

A parent or guardian who wishes to pick up their youth early (before a program has ended) should come to the program location and notify an adult ministry leader prior to departing with the youth. Youth who drove themselves may leave early only after their parent or guardian has provided verbal authorization to an adult ministry leader and the youth has informed an adult ministry leader that they are leaving.

Once a youth leaves a church-sponsored program, they are the responsibility of their parent or guardian. If a youth leaves without the appropriate authorization and/or notification, a meeting will be held with parents, youth and ministry leader to discuss safety policies and procedures.