



Child Safety Information

You are so important at Rush Creek! We want you to feel loved, cared for, and safe every time you attend one of our campuses, 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 at Rush Creek...

-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 at Rush Creek. 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 Rush Creek.

-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 at Rush Creek.

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

* 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 that your parent can read at rushcreek.org/child-safety.

-If an adult tries to privately text, call, or “follow” (friend) you on social media. All adults who serve at Rush Creek 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 Rush Creek 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 Rush Creek, 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 Rush Creek.

Please practice RIGHT touches, not WRONG touches! Examples of RIGHT touches at Rush Creek: Side hugs, pats on the shoulder, pats on the back, handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, arms around shoulders. Examples of WRONG touches at Rush Creek: hugging from the front, kisses, lap-sitting, wrestling, tickling, piggyback rides.

A note to all parents:

Parent, we are absolutely committed to creating the safest environment for children and leaders at Rush Creek. We believe that the more people who know our child protection guidelines, the safer we become as an organization. Please take a minute to visit rushcreek.org/child-safety to download our policies and find other tools to keep your family well-informed and safe. If you need to report an incident or suspicion, please contact us via email childsafety@rushcreek.org

