

**THE CHURCH HAS
LEFT THE BUILDING.**



***KINGDOM
EVERYWHERE***

**HOST SAFETY
& SECURITY GUIDE**

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THANK YOU...

for opening your home for Home Fellowship. Your hospitality helps create a meaningful environment for worship, discussion, and connection. The following guidelines are intended to help hosts maintain a **safe, comfortable, and respectful environment for all guests while also protecting their household and property.**

These are **preventative best practices**, not expectations of suspicion or fear. Most gatherings will be joyful and problem-free.

1 PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR GUEST SAFETY

Before guests arrive, take a few minutes to walk through your home and remove common hazards.

General safety preparation:

- Remove tripping hazards such as loose rugs or cords.
- Ensure hallways and entryways remain clear.
- Provide adequate lighting in walkways and gathering areas.
- Turn on exterior lights if guests will arrive early or later in the day.
- Ensure emergency exits and doors are accessible and not blocked.



Electronics:

- Secure cables connected to TVs or laptops so they are not easily tripped over.
- Keep drinks away from electronics used for the livestream.

2 PROTECT PRIVATE AREAS OF YOUR HOME

Hosts should maintain reasonable boundaries in their home.

Recommended practices:

- Close doors to bedrooms, home offices, or storage areas.
- Limit access to areas not intended for guests.
- Keep personal documents, mail, or sensitive information out of sight.
- Store medications and personal items.



This helps protect both your household and your guests.

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3 **PLACEMENT OF VALUABLES & BREAKABLES**

Large gatherings can increase the risk of accidental damage.

Before guests arrive:

- Move fragile decorations to higher or safer locations.
- Store valuable items such as jewelry, collectibles, or electronics out of sight.
- Avoid placing breakable items on crowded tables or walkways.
- Keep drinks and food away from delicate furniture or electronics.



These simple steps reduce the likelihood of accidents.

4 **SAFETY AROUND CHILDREN**

If children attend the gathering:

- Encourage parents to supervise their children.
- Avoid allowing children to run near TV equipment or food areas.
- Store small objects that could present choking hazards.
- Keep hot food and beverages away from edges of tables.

**PARENTS
PLEASE WATCH
YOUR CHILDREN**



5 **RECOGNIZING SUSPICIOUS OR CONCERNING BEHAVIOR**

Most guests will be known to you or to other attendees. However, hosts should remain aware of unusual or concerning behavior.

Possible signs of concern may include:

- Someone attempting to enter private areas of the home without permission,
- Guests who appear extremely intoxicated or aggressive,
- Individuals attempting to access personal belongings or valuables, or
- Disruptive behavior that escalates despite polite requests to stop.



RECOGNIZING SUSPICIOUS OR CONCERNING BEHAVIOR (CONTINUED)

If you notice concerning behavior:

- Stay calm and address the situation respectfully.
- Ask the individual to return to the gathering area if necessary.
- If behavior continues or escalates, it may be appropriate to ask the individual to leave.

6 MANAGING CONFLICT OR DISRUPTIONS

If disagreements arise during conversation or discussion:

- Encourage respectful dialogue.
- Redirect discussion back to the topic or Scripture.
- Maintain a calm tone and avoid confrontation.

If someone becomes disruptive:

- Speak privately with the individual if possible.
- Ask them to help maintain a respectful environment.



In rare cases where a person becomes aggressive or threatening, prioritize safety.

7 WHEN TO CONTACT AUTHORITIES

Emergencies are very unlikely, but hosts should know when it is appropriate to seek assistance.

Contact **911 immediately** if there is:

- A medical emergency,
- Threats of violence or physical harm,
- A fight or physical altercation,
- A person refusing to leave after being asked, or
- Any situation where someone's safety is at risk.

Your safety and the safety of your guests should always be the priority.

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8 FIREARM SAFETY IN THE HOME

If you are a lawful firearm owner, additional precautions are strongly recommended when hosting guests.

Best practices include:

- Store firearms **unloaded and secured in a safe or locked container**.
- Use **trigger locks or firearm safes** where possible.
- Keep ammunition stored separately.
- Ensure firearms are **not accessible to guests or children**.



Firearms should never be displayed or handled during a fellowship gathering.

9 PARKING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Please help maintain a respectful relationship with neighbors.

Encourage guests to:

- Park legally and avoid blocking driveways or mailboxes.
- Avoid gathering loudly outside the home.
- Be respectful of neighborhood noise levels.



10 TECHNOLOGY SETUP SAFETY

Prepare your livestream equipment in advance.

- Test YouTube access before the gathering.
- Arrange cables so they do not cross walking areas.
- Keep remote controls and power cords within easy reach.



Complete your setup by **10:45 am** so guests can focus on worship and fellowship.

11 **EMERGENCY AWARENESS**

Hosts should always know:

- The address of the home (in case emergency services are needed).
- Where exits are located.
- Basic first aid supplies if available.



12 **FINAL REMINDER**

The goal of these guidelines is to help hosts:

- Protect their home
- Provide a comfortable environment
- Ensure the gathering remains peaceful and enjoyable

Most Home Fellowships will be joyful, encouraging, and free of problems. Taking the proper precautions help ensure hosts are prepared.