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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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.