

THE ELDER'S PEN

The Church Safety Readiness Quick Check

A seven-point conversation starter for pastors, ministry leaders, and safety teams.

Church safety is a ministry of care before it is a response to danger.

Walk through this quick check with pastoral leadership and the people responsible for Sunday readiness.

**Authority**

Is responsibility clear, documented, and aligned with pastoral leadership?

**Communication**

Can volunteers report a concern calmly, discreetly, and accurately?

**Medical readiness**

Are the AED, first-aid supplies, and trained responders known and accessible?

**Children and vulnerable people**

Are reunification, missing-child, and assistance procedures understood?

**Evacuation and shelter**

Do leaders know when and how to evacuate, shelter in place, or use a safe room?

**De-escalation**

Are volunteers trained to slow conflict, create distance, and call for the right help?

**Recovery**

Who handles family notification, factual updates, documentation, and after-action learning?

Your next 30 minutes

Choose one unchecked item. Assign one owner. Set one completion date. Schedule one short practice. Readiness grows through calm, repeated action - not through fear.

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