

ISKCON NA Child Protection Office Annual Checklist for Management

Having these 12 items in place means that your temple/center/school/project is compliant with ISKCON child protection policies:

It is ISKCON policy that all temples, schools and projects must **have trained and active Child Protection Volunteers**, at least 2-3 devotees. Very small centers may have a child protection point person. The CPVs should receive at minimum the full 6 hour training from the ISKCON CPO to be confirmed CPVs, along with continuing education each year.

- 1) Your CPVs name and contact info: _____
- 2) These are the members who have received the 6 hour CPO training: _____
- 3) We know our CPVs are active because they a) arrange child abuse awareness training each year for adults and children, b) verify that management is conducting screening consistently, and c) are prepared to respond to an allegation of child abuse if that were to arise.
- 4) Implement a policy that **'All children must be supervised by a designated adult at all times while on ISKCON property'**.

Complete background checks on all Residents, Staff and Volunteers who serve in a position of trust. This includes:

- 5) Performing Criminal Background Checks for Residents
- 6) CPO Clearance for Residents
- 7) Calling References for Residents
- 8) Criminal Background Check for Staff/Volunteers
- 9) CPO Clearance for Staff/Volunteers
- 10) Calling References for Staff/Volunteers

11) **Uphold CPO Case Decisions** – When someone has been found responsible for child abuse, requirements and restrictions are placed upon their relationship with ISKCON. It is the position of the local management to uphold the CPO case decision and/or ISKCON policy for those found guilty in court.

12) Local Management, Staff, Volunteers in positions of trust/authority, Residents, Teachers and CPVs attend **child abuse awareness training each year** open to adult community members.

Each year arrange abuse prevention training for children in Sunday school/ day school. If neither exist and there are children attending the programs, arrange a stand alone personal safety training for them.

Provide the Child Protection Office with the information above each year by or before December 31st – Info@safetemple.org / 352-575-0780

Thank you for implementing policies that help ensure the protection of children in ISKCON.

* All management/staff should familiarize themselves with the ISKCON Child Protection Policy and Operational Guidelines.