

WHAT WE DO

The CPO stops child abuse by empowering adults and children with knowledge; responding to concerns of child maltreatment in the US and Canada; and helping management implement safety policies.

We train and support Child Protection Volunteers serving their local community; and assist the International Child Protection Office.



DONATE TO HELP BUILD SAFER COMMUNITIES

Your contribution to the Child Protection Office enables us to do the vital work required to prevent and respond to child abuse in our communities. Donations are tax-deductible.

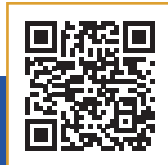


OUR GOAL: 500 MONTHLY DONATIONS OF \$25,

or the equivalent thereof, to provide a yearly operating budget of \$150,000. This will enable us to bring essential staff members on board: an Office Manager, a Response Coordinator, and a Victim Support Coordinator.

DONATE ONLINE

[SafeTemple.org/Donate](https://www.SafeTemple.org/Donate)



TO REPORT A PAST OR PRESENT CONCERN OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Anyone can make a report of suspected child abuse. All reports are confidential.

For Civil:

1-800-4-A-CHILD | www.childhelp.org

or call your local Child Protective Services

Within ISKCON:

You can also report to your **local ISKCON Child Protection Volunteers** or **contact our office** (information below).



Child Protection Office
ISKCON NORTH AMERICA

Phone: 352-575-0780

Email: Info@SafeTemple.org

Visit our website for more detailed information and resources:

www.SafeTemple.org



The Child Protection Office is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Child Protection Office

ISKCON NORTH AMERICA



Everyone makes a difference

DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN HELP ENSURE SAFE COMMUNITIES FOR HAPPY CHILDREN

You can help protect children.

LEARN — TAKE ACTION — DONATE — REPORT

TAKE ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Report concerns of abuse or neglect to the proper legal authorities.
- Organize and maintain local Child Protection Volunteers.
- Institute policies that encourage child protection.
- Have two adults present when supervising children.
- Host annual child abuse awareness education for both adults and youth.
- Publicly post child protection policies and welcome dialog about concerns.
- Support victims by believing them and ensuring they get help.
- Donate to support child protection services.

GET TO KNOW THE CPO

- Offered 100+ trainings for thousands of attendees
- Serving since 1998
- Supports more than 85 centers in North America
- Assists internationally



POLICIES FOR CHILD SAFETY AT YOUR TEMPLE

- Children always supervised by a designated adult while at the temple.
- Children only allowed in temple ashrams with a parent/guardian.
- Maintain screening procedures for staff, volunteers, and residents.
- All staff/volunteers who have contact with children should receive annual child abuse awareness training, and know temple/ISKCON policies.
- Reduce risk by enhancing physical transparency in rooms where children and adults interact: glass panel doors, open doors, etc.

TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE

- **Neglect:** Failure to provide for a child's basic needs – including physical, educational, and emotional.
- **Physical abuse:** Non-accidental physical injury caused by a parent or caregiver, including hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or harming a child.
- **Sexual abuse:** When a child is coerced, persuaded, seduced, or entrapped verbally or physically into sexual acts with an adult or an older or more powerful youth.
- **Emotional/psychological abuse:** Any pattern of behavior that impairs a

child's emotional development or sense of self-worth; conveying to the child that they are worthless, flawed, unwanted, unloved, or only of value to meet another person's needs.

FACTS TO KNOW

- Child abuse occurs in every culture, class, and religion.
- The abuser is likely to be a trusted person in the child's life.
- Children need adults who know what to look for and what to do.

