1.3F GUIDANCE ON SUPERVISION LEVELS AND CHILD-TO-ADULT RATIOS

Children are less likely to experience accidents or incidents if they are properly supervised. Activities should be organised to maximise participation, fun and learning in a way that minimises risk. Church personnel should ensure that:

- Children are not left unattended.
- Adequate numbers of church personnel are available to supervise activities.
- When dealing with group members of mixed gender, it is recommended that there are sufficient numbers of church personnel of both sexes to properly supervise activities and any premises in use.
- Know at all times where children are and what they are doing.
- Any activity involving additional risk, e.g. the use of bouncy castle, requires enhanced adult supervision.
- Dangerous behaviour is never allowed.

The minimum adult-to-child ratio in any group is outlined below, the minimum number of adults is two.

More church personnel or adults to children compared to the minimum ratio may be required due to local circumstances, the relationship with the group, the experience of church personnel, safety, ability/disability of children and the nature and/or location of the activities being undertaken.

Where a group is allowing under-18s to assist working with children, they should not be counted as part of the adult ratio.

Where an activity involves swimming, or other external activities, staff and volunteers should abide by the external organisation's Child Admission Policy.

No. of Church Personnel	0 – 4 years	5 – 12 years	13 years plus
2	1 – 6 children	1 – 16 children	1 – 20
3	7 – 9 children	17 – 24 children	21 – 30
4	10 – 12 children	25 – 32 children	31 – 40
5	13 – 15 children	33 – 40 children	41 – 50