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**October 2009 Newsletter**

**Back to School - Part II**

Preschool, Daycare & Nursery Safety

In our September newsletter, we began a conversation about protecting the youngest members of our congregation by reviewing the day-to-day operations of our insured's preschool, daycare or nursery. In this newsletter, we will continue the discussion with additional points to consider when addressing the safety of such operations.

Emergency Plan of Action

- Does the insured have a clear plan of action in place for an environmental event, medical emergency or allegation of inappropriate conduct?
- Have all members of the child care team been adequately trained on such procedures?

Exterior Safety

- Does appropriate and safe turf exist in the playground area and around the playground equipment, and is the playground area fenced in?
- Has the playground equipment been inspected for proper safety and function?
- Do field trips and other special events have the proper parental consent and staff supervision?

Interior Safety

- Are all chemicals, medications and first aid supplies properly stored and out of the reach of little hands?

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- Are proper food storage, food preparation and other sanitation guidelines in place?
- Have all toys, cribs, high chairs, changing tables, etc. been inspected for cleanliness and safety? Often congregations receive generous donations of these items. A careful inspection is required to make sure these donations meet current safety guidelines and are not a part a manufacturer's recall.

Please note these points are basic suggestions to help facilitate a constructive conversation about the safety and success of a child care operation. If there are specific needs, concerns or additional questions generated by such a discussion, our staff will be happy to assist you.

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