

## Safety Briefing & Checklist

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SU is committed to continual improvement of child and vulnerable people safety. Therefore, SU has added a new addition to its permission to proceed process; Safety Briefings and Checklists. This new addition means we have removed the step of creating risk plans/assessment and have provided high quality risk plans for everything we have insurance to run.

#### Why do we need a safety briefings and checklist?

The safety briefings and checklist's (SB+C) are designed to help teams to operate as safely as possible. A Safety Briefing & Checklist helps overcome the 2 main reasons that put children and vulnerable people at risk.

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Our checklist helps us move from a safe theory to a safe practice. A good checklist spells out the essential safety concerns and risks for a 24-hour period. Having this simple checklist safeguards against human fallibility to reinforce safety, teamwork and discipline. A well-constructed SB+C will help keep children and vulnerable people safe from: Abuse, Accident, Harm, and Injury.

There is a RAL (Risk Assessment Library) which you will need to use to create Safety Briefings & Checklists, we also request you have the relevant Risk Assessments to your program on file during ministry.

#### What should a safety briefings and checklist include?

Safety briefings are a deliberate conversation among leaders about safety of a particular section/team for a 24-hour period. Teams are required to submit a SB+C for each day of their program (and it the cases of big teams with multiple programs/sections running at once, 1 SB+C for each program daily). A safety briefing and checklist should be limited to one double-sided page wherever possible.

#### How do I create a Safety Briefing & Checklist?

So, looking at the example Safety Briefing & Checklist on the next page:

- The orange section at the top is a summary of your program for one day.
- The blue section consists of safety points to be briefed to the leaders on that morning.
- The **green** section at the bottom is 4-7 dot points copied from the Risk Assessment Library for each of the activities mentioned in the **orange** top section. The RAL code is simply the page from the Risk Assessment Library from which the dots points you copied are from. The 4-7 points you choose are decided by you as the most relevant/important ones which you think you should copy over, feel free to write any of your own in that you think are also worth mentioning. The checklist/requirements on the side is a handy list of items/things that will need to be remembered.

The reason it is set-up like this is so the Safety Briefing & Checklist can serve as a one-pager for each of you and your section leaders to have a copy of while on site so they can be referenced to ensure that all safety aspects for each activity are taken care of each day, and nothing is forgotten.



# **Ministry Safety Briefing & Checklist**

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Time	Activity Event	Delegation
10:30am – 12:30pm	Indoor Games/ Youth Group Games	Michael & Andrew
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Wide Games	Jim
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Cricket	Stanley
7:30pm – 9:30pm	Movie Night	Angela

Leaders Daily Safety Briefing Checklist (What you brief your team on each day)	Anything to Follow Up?
<ul> <li>Delegate leaders to be in charge of ensuring adequate water/ sunscreen at outdoor events</li> <li>Announce weather report and Plan B for outdoor events if raining</li> <li>Delegate leaders to serve food during movie night – notify of any allergens</li> <li>Delegate leaders to scout out wide games area for any hazards that can be removed</li> <li>Questions from Leaders</li> <li>Team Prayer</li> </ul>	

Activity	RAL Code RAL = Risk Assessment Library	Safety Briefing Before Activity Participants are allowed to opt out of activities that make them feel unsafe	Checklist/ Requirements
Youth Group Games	GR003	<ul> <li>Any participant seen causing injury to others will be asked to no longer participate in the activity.</li> <li>All activities will be supervised by leaders at all times</li> <li>Obstacles, hazards, and furniture removed prior to the activity</li> <li>The activity leader will explain proper behaviour and expectations of maturity</li> <li>Ensure adequate rest between activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Games Equipment</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Speaker</li> <li>Soccer Ball</li> </ul>
Wide Games	ОТ009	<ul> <li>Ensure appropriate footwear is worn.</li> <li>Leaders to scout out activity area in advance and remove any hazards prior to the commencement of the activity.</li> <li>Weather is to be monitored regularly in advance and during the activities.</li> <li>Have adequate water available.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Soccer Ball</li> <li>Cones</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Blindfolds</li> <li>Flags</li> <li>Sunscreen</li> </ul>
Cricket	SP004	<ul> <li>Any participant seen causing injury to others will be asked to no longer participate in the activity.</li> <li>Batters to wear protective helmets at all times.</li> <li>Ensure that participants are a safe distance away from the batters while playing</li> <li>Weather is to be monitored regularly in advance and during the activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cricket</li> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Water</li> <li>Sunscreen</li> <li>Fruit</li> </ul>
Movie Night	EV004	<ul> <li>Only distribute foods &amp; drinks known not to cause any allergic reactions in anybody. Ensure that lactose intolerant participants and leaders don't receive buttered popcorn.</li> <li>Participants are instructed not to be seated within a close range of any speakers used to broadcast the move.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Popcorn</li> <li>Sound Equipment</li> <li>Computer</li> <li>Movie (DVD/USB)</li> <li>Pillows</li> <li>Chairs</li> </ul>

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