

## Ten Things Teachers can do to Reduce the Risk

\* The goal is to protect yourself and the children under your care: by not being completely alone with the children and by having them under supervision while they are on the church grounds.

- 1) Teach classes in open or public areas.
- 2) Enlist the help of a "shepherd," someone who is in the classroom to be present to the children rather than teach.
- 3) Create a "Rover," someone who roams the halls: giving directions, answering questions, accompanying children to the restroom, randomly visiting classrooms.
- 4) Leave the classroom door open (especially important if there is no glass in the door). Put glass in classroom doors or use "Dutch Doors."
- 5) Teach in pairs.
- 6) Welcome your children at the door. Assign one person to welcome all the children as they come in from the the parking lot.
- 7) Know who the parents and guardians are for the children in your class. Use family pictures, a matching number system (tags for child and adult), or pagers as necessary.
- 8) Have two people in the nursery, one over 21 years of age.
- 9) When going on youth events, have written parental permission and two adults present.
- 10) Ask before you touch.