

Temple Child Safety Policy

In order to ensure the safety of everyone we have a strict policy:

Children 16 and under must be supervised by a parent or designated adult at all times while on temple property. We care about children and putting their safety first is a must.

Supervision means that a child is being watched at all times by a designated adult; that the child is within eye sight of the designated adult; that the adult is ensuring the child is behaving in a safe and appropriate manner according to their age and the Temples guidelines.

The Temple management welcomes children of all ages. Please help us keep the temple a safe and pleasant place for everyone by adhering to the following policies:

*A parent or guardian must accompany and supervise children 16 years and under at all times.

*Please help us provide a safe space while visiting the Temple by providing an activity for your child while in the temple room, as well as remaining with your child at all times

*Help children understand: how to behave with respect in the temple room; to sit at the dining tables, not climb on them; where to play and where not to play.

Where to play:

Designated playing areas are *(these are depend on your area, below is used as reference)*:

- (a) on the grass patch behind the Prasadam marquee containing the jungle gym (between the devotee kitchen and the container offices), in front of the Phase 2 building.
- (b) Grass patches on the lotus islands

NB. Children playing in the designated playing areas must be supervised by the parent or designated adult at all times.

Where NOT to play:

Tulasi pavilion, green house, flower beds, moat, in the parking lot/driveway; climbing/breaking trees,

Children are not permitted entry into:

- (a) All ashrams (residences)
- (b) All kitchens (including Food For Life preparation area)

*For safety reasons children bicycling, skateboarding, and riding on scooters is not permitted on the temple grounds.

*Children may look at but are restricted from picking flowers that are offered to the deities.

* Children should not lean out of the temple windows

~We Love Children ~

By following these guidelines for a safe visit to the Temple you will help ensure a pleasant time for everyone.

*Temple management, residents and staff are **not responsible** for unsupervised or unaccompanied children.