

Soup's On! Guidelines for Leaders of Minor Volunteer Groups

Thank you for your dedication to the growth and training of young people. It is a hard job and your work is appreciated. There is much to be learned by serving in a ministry like Soup's On! and it is our hope that your kids will benefit from their time spent working here. Listed below are our safety guidelines for groups like yours. We say "guidelines" but we really mean rules because the safety of children is a top priority of ours.

1. Your minor (under the age of 18) volunteers must be accompanied to Soup's On! by no less than two of your own approved supervisors.
2. For each venue of work (pantry, storage shed, gardens, etc.) there will be at least two approved supervisors, one of which you must provide. The other supervisors can be approved Soup's On! volunteers, except in the kitchen, where one of your approved supervisors is sufficient as long as there are other adult Soup's On! volunteers present. Minor volunteers must stay in eyesight of their supervisors at all times (except when actually using the bathroom).
3. No minors will be allowed in the shower/laundry area during Soup's On! operating hours or when clients are present.
4. All minors will be accompanied to the bathroom by an approved supervisor. They will use the small bathroom between the preschool classrooms. The supervisor should inform a supervisor from another area that he is accompanying a child to the bathroom. He should then escort the child to the door of classroom 4 and wait outside the classroom while the child uses the bathroom. The adult should never enter the classroom or the bathroom with the child. This is the only time when a minor volunteer should be out of the eyesight of an approved supervisor. The child will then be escorted back to the work area.
5. You must insure that all of your volunteers are dressed in appropriately modest clothing. This is a safety issue.
6. No minor under 12 will be allowed to handle hot foods.
7. No minor will be allowed to work at Soups On! without a signed Parental Consent Form.