

Word of Life Lutheran Preschool

PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

Word of Life Lutheran Preschool has an Integrated Pest Management Policy in place which provides procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. This plan is coordinated by the Word of Life Church Properties Manager and the Word of Life Preschool Director.

PREVENTION

To prevent the infestation of pests in school, the following steps will be implemented.

✚ INSPECTION

- ✚ The building and surrounding property is inspected on a monthly basis.
- ✚ The kitchen, storeroom, and classroom closets are inspected on a weekly basis.
- ✚ Classrooms and areas where children are present are inspected on a daily basis.

✚ MOISTURE CONTROL – Remove moisture that attracts pest. Check for:

- ✚ Repair leaky roofs, faucets, pipes, and appliances.
- ✚ Clean gutters and downspouts.
- ✚ Eliminate standing water and water in outdoor containers.

✚ EXCLUSION – Sealing spaces keeps the pests out. Check to ensure:

- ✚ Foundation cracks and gaps where utility lines enter are sealed.
- ✚ Doors, windows, and vents are screened and well-sealed.
- ✚ Keep exterior wood painted, stained, or sealed.
- ✚ Before bringing in new items, inspect them for pests.

✚ SANITATION – Cleaning removes a food source and hiding place for pests. Sanitation should include:

- ✚ Keeping foods in sealed containers.
- ✚ Emptying trash containers daily.
- ✚ Following all health department and DCFS cleaning standards.
- ✚ Removing clutter and junk, indoors and out.

IDENTIFICATION

All staff members are responsible to inspect classrooms and areas where children are present on a daily basis. Staff members will bring pest identification to the attention of the Preschool Director or Building Manager immediately. The Preschool Director or Building Manager will determine the appropriate response with an emphasis on safety, effectiveness, and environmental effects.

NOTIFICATION

Word of Life Preschool will notify students' parents or guardians and the school and church staff of upcoming pesticide treatments. Notices will be posted by the classrooms, on the parent information board, and/or notices will be sent home with students. Any pesticide treatment required will be applied when children are not present in the building and whenever possible applied when children will not return to the building for 24 hours or more.