



## Risk Management Factsheet

# Episcopal Safety Program

The Episcopal Safety Program (ESP) is a unique risk management program created by The Church Insurance Companies.<sup>1</sup>

It is a proactive approach to helping congregations maintain a safer environment for worship and mission while being good stewards of property and people.

We work in cooperation with your diocese to appoint and train a Diocesan Safety Manager (DSM). Together, the DSM and a member of our ESP team perform specialized safety reviews of the congregations we serve in that diocese. The review is free of charge, and is conducted at a time convenient for the congregation.

The results of the review are then presented to the congregation as a report that can be used as a safety baseline to develop your own safety program.

Many of our recommendations focus on inexpensive, but important changes to improve or enhance safety.

### The benefits of ESP include:

- **A free risk review.** At no cost to your church, we will meet with your congregational leaders and complete a risk review of all aspects of the operation, including buildings, people, community outreach issues, and fiduciary responsibilities. You will receive written recommendations for enhancing and/or improving safety.
- **Free, actionable, written recommendations.** You'll learn how certain basic steps such as repositioning fire extinguishers, securing a handrail, or removing loose carpet can meaningfully reduce the amount of risk that congregations face.
- **Loss control or engineering services.** In those rare cases where we have concerns about structural integrity, we will often provide the loss control and/or engineering services of an independent professional.

**ESP is NOT intended to create expense, raise premiums,** or put pressure on increasingly-stretched church budgets. An important goal of ESP is to maintain or even lower our already-attractive rates over time, as we work together towards a safer worship environment.

**To schedule an ESP safety review, contact us at (800) 293-3525.**