
House of Worship Security Assessment

PRELIMINARY

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Acts 20:28-30

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

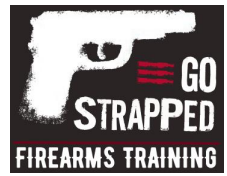
Thank you for choosing us to assist you in the security and safety of your Church. We take great pride in the safety of our Church flock.

In the next pages you will find a simple security survey for your organization and facility. Please fill it out to the best of your ability and return it to us prior to your scheduled on-site survey. This will give us a good jump start for your on-site survey and reduce completion time.

When completing this survey, do not feel bad! It can be bit demoralizing when we take an inner look at our own security honestly. Providing answers to problems you didn't know existed is why we do it!

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Survey Information

Church Name	Address	City, State, Zip

Contact Agent	Phone	Email

Safety Team Leader	Phone	Email

Assessment Compiled By

Name	Telephone	Date

General Church Information

Members	Average Attendance (per service)	Number of Services per day

Staff (Full Time)	Staff (Part Time)	Volunteers

Location:

☐ Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Rural

Does the Church have?

☐ Child Care ☐ Gymnasium ☐ Private School/Day Care

Electronic Security Alarm System:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Safety/Security Team:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Electronic Access Control System:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Staff Safety Training Program:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Video Surveillance System:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Volunteer Safety Training:

☐ Yes ☐ No

NEIGHBORHOOD

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are there obvious "crime generators" in the immediate neighborhoods of the church?

Comment:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Can the Church buildings be observed from surrounding facilities and streets?

Comment:

Property Perimeter

Is it desirable that the Church property, perimeter, or boundaries be clearly defined and recognizable? This can be accomplished by fencing, landscaping, signage, etc...

☐ Yes

☐ No

Can the Church buildings be observed from surrounding facilities and streets?

Comment:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are there signs near the property perimeter directing visitors to appropriate locations for building entry?

Comment:

EXTERNAL GROUNDS

External grounds may include vehicle parking areas, pedestrian walkways, playgrounds, recreational areas, detached storage facilities, open or landscaped areas, etc...

☐ Yes ☐ No Are designated parking lots or parking areas well lit?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are all sides of the church illuminated by exterior lighting?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are sight lines from the Church to playgrounds unobstructed by landscaping, plant growth, or other means?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are bushes, shrubbery, or other plant growth trimmed in a manner so as not to serve as a hiding place or concealment?

Comment:

BUILDING PERIMETER

☐ Yes ☐ No Are visitor entry points clearly identified?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the visitor entry point under visual supervision of a receptionist or admin office?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are perimeter pedestrian entryways equipped with full flush metal or solid core doors in at least 1 3/4" thick and secured with deadbolt locking devices (where safety codes do not govern otherwise) and door hinges that do not permit the pins to be removed from the exterior?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are the locks on all building entry points functional and in good state of repair?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Do exterior door frames have reinforced strike plates secured by at least four (4) 3" screws?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are exterior doors eqkipped with high quality cylindrical , tapered locks with a deadbolt at least 1" in length?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are operable exterior windows easily locked?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a clear responsibility for unlocking and locking the Church each day?

Comment:

ELECTRONIC INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the Church have an electronic intrusion detection system?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are there clear signs or decals posted on the exterior (doors & windows) indicating the facility is equipped?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the intrusion detection centrally monitored?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are the arm/disarm codes for an intrusion detection system changed and re-issued at least annually?

Comment:

INTERNAL BUILDING AREAS

☐ Yes ☐ No Are all interior hallways and rooms well lit?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is restroom lighting controlled by wall switches? Key switches combined with motion detectors recommended.

Comment:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Can restroom entry doors be locked from inside the restroom? It is recommended that restrooms not be capable of locking from inside.

Comment:

KEY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a single person responsible for key issuance and record keeping?

Comment:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there an accurate record of who has been issued Church keys?

Comment:

CHURCH PROPERTY INVENTORY

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is the responsibility for Church property inventory assigned to a specific staff member?

Comment:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Have the serial numbers and model numbers been recorded for easy identification?

Comment:

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a electronic or written inventory of all Church property and equipment of value?

Comment:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SECURITY

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a church policy that requires a background check of staff volunteers?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a policy that requires volunteers to be a member of the Church or active in Church activities for at least six (6) months before they can be directly involved in children and youth activities?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a policy that requires a background check of staff and volunteers?

Comment:

FINANCIAL SECURITY

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a policy that requires at least three (3) people to be present during the collection and counting of the offering? Are they rotated regularly?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a policy that no one (1) person has the authority to approve purchases, issue funds, and sign checks?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does a certified public accountant or other qualified outsider conduct an annual audit of Church finances?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the Church have a UL-approved money safe onsite (bolted to the floor) for the storage of cash funds?

Comment:

CHURCH SAFETY TEAM

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a designated board or person responsible for the oversight and management of safety and security risks in the Church?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the Church have a safety program for the staff and volunteers to create awareness and train proper safety and security procedures?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a written emergency response plan and related policy adopted?

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Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there a team of volunteers trained in the basic duties and responsibilities of serving on a Church Safety Team?

Comment:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Have team members undergone a thorough screening, including a criminal background check, application, and interviews?	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Are team members trained in the Avoid, Deny, Defend active shooter response model?	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Does the team regularly conduct fire safety inspections of doors, hallways, emergency lights, fire extinguishers, etc...	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Does your Church conduct annual fire drills?	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Does the Safety Team train for dealing with disruptive persons, protestors, or people suffering from a personal crisis, or mental illness?	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Do the team members train in verbal de-escalation techniques?	<div>Comment:</div>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Does the team understand criminal and civil liability?	<div>Comment:</div>

☐ Yes ☐ No Are members of the safety team trained in use of force laws?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Do your safety team members follow a set of written guidelines as to how much force may be used against a person in a given situation?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Does your safety team maintain a fully stocked first-aid kit?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are members of your team trained in basic first-aid, CPR, and AED training?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Does your emergency response plan address active shooters?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Does your team regularly train in the containment and engagement of an active shooter?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Can the team properly implement the Avoid, Deny, Defend active shooter response model?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Are members of the team licensed to carry a firearm in your state?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you require team members who carry firearms to receive regular, formal firearms training?

Comment:

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you require armed members to achieve any firearms proficiency certification and/or regular qualification beyond your state's carry license?

Comment:

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This preliminary security assessment is created and compiled by Bryan D. Proctor II using Best Practices provided by the *Texas Police Chiefs Association*, *American Crime Prevention Institue*, and *Crime Prevention by Environmental Design*.

Once this preliminary assessment is completed, return by email to gostrapped@gmail.com so we can begin processing. Once it is received, you will be contacted to schedule an in-depth on-site security evaluation. If we can be of any help, please contact me.

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