

# SECURITY TEST FOR HOUSE OF WORSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

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- 1) Do you have an emergency plan should a major catastrophe such as a fire occur?
- 2) Are you prepared to respond to a medical emergency during worship service?
- 3) Do you monitor your church parking lot prior to service and during service?
- 4) If a child care program exists are all volunteers screened for a criminal background?
- 5) Are there security strategies in place to protect children while in church custody?
- 6) Is the outside of your church inviting to burglars or those seeking to vandalize?
- 7) Do you maintain shrubbery around your facility?
- 8) Is outside and interior lighting adequate?
- 9) Do you have emergency and back-up lighting?
- 10) Are all doors and windows secured when building is empty?
- 11) Do you inventory all major equipment annually?
- 12) Are serial numbers or other key identifiers located or placed on key assets recorded in case a theft occurs?
- 13) Is there a process in place to ensure the protection and integrity of your collections?
- 14) Have you a plan in place in case a person walks down the aisle with a gun? If not, items #3 and 15 are a start.
- 15) Does your church have a trained security team?

These sorts of security tests often have a score at the end rating your performance. This test has no score since you already know if you passed or need improvement. It is simply to get you thinking about a few action steps that can make your House of Worship a safer place. Please visit [www.churchsecurityconsultant.com](http://www.churchsecurityconsultant.com) to access additional information on security and safety for House of Worship organizations. Our mission is to provide safety and security information at no cost to protect House of Worship facilities. The author can be contacted at [jimmcguffey@verizon.net](mailto:jimmcguffey@verizon.net) with questions.