

SHUL SAFETY



What Can Your Shul Do?

- Promote security consciousness among all staff and congregants
- Provide clear emergency response communication and training to congregants
- Develop and implement a detailed security/emergency plan
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times
- Limit open access to the shul by only allowing congregants and visitors to enter through the main entrance
- Hire a trained and experienced guard and evaluate if he should be armed
- Install and maintain panic buttons, alarm systems, and surveillance cameras
- Keep prepaid charged cellphones available in different locations at all times
- Install physical deterrents, such as bollards and/or barriers
- Hire a security professional to perform a thorough security evaluation
- Hire a security coordinator or designate a congregant to oversee and implement all security policies and measures
- Develop relationships with local police and fire departments and encourage them to become familiar with your facility
- Hire extra security for Shabbos, Yom Tov, events, and lectures
- Perform lockdown, evacuation and fire drills regularly, even on Shabbos and Yom Tov

Active Shooter Response

IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE THE BEST ACTION TO TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE.

Consider whether it is more dangerous to run outside or shelter inside.

1. RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible



2. HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors



3. FIGHT

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter



Call 911 when it is safe to do so.

Stay alert and develop a security consciousness.

"If you see something, say something"©



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