

# Safety and Security in Houses of Worship

## DHS Center for Faith & Opportunity Initiatives

The DHS Center for Faith & Opportunity Initiatives was created in 2006 by an executive order to help emergency managers effectively engage with faith and community-based groups. The DHS Center carries out the policies and program priorities of the White House Faith & Opportunity Initiatives, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Learn more:

<https://www.fema.gov/faith-resources>

## Department of Homeland Security

[Conducting Security Assessments: A Guide for Schools and Houses of Worship Webinar](#)  
[Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education and Houses of Worship](#)

[Protective Security Advisors](#)

[Active Shooter Preparedness](#)

[Options for Consideration Active Shooter Preparedness Video](#)

[What to Do – Bomb Threat Video](#)

## Justice Technology Information Center

[A good list of resources, as well as a “Safeguarding Houses of Worship” app](#)

## Secure Community Network

The national homeland security initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America & the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Learn more:

<https://securecommunitynetwork.org>

<https://securecommunitynetwork.org/resources/institutional-safety-and-security-library/houses-of-worship>

## National Disaster Interfaiths Network

[How to prepare a Emergency Action Plan](#)

## The Federal Bureau of Investigation

**A guide for developing high quality emergency operations plans for houses of worship**

**Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)**

A joint collaborative effort by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners. This initiative provides law enforcement with another tool to help prevent terrorism and other related criminal activity by establishing a national capacity for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing SAR information.

Learn more:

**[https://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/Safety for Faith Based Events and Houses of Worship NSI Awareness Flyer.pdf](https://nsi.ncirc.gov/documents/Safety%20for%20Faith%20Based%20Events%20and%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20NSI%20Awareness%20Flyer.pdf)**

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