
 Organization Name

Violence in the Church Checklist

	Yes	Needs Attention
1. Do you have a disaster response plan that includes policies and procedures addressing violent attacks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you have a safety and security team that can help your ministry prepare for and respond to a violent event?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does your safety and security team talk about worst-case scenarios and look at what areas of your ministry are most vulnerable to a violent attack?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does your safety and security team talk with professionals like law enforcement, first responders, and emergency managers about how to prepare for and respond to a violent attack?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does your safety and security team regularly participate in drills to review and practice what you intend to do during and after an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you regularly communicate with your congregation about what to do in the event of a violent attack? Are there maps and routes included in the disaster response plan and appropriately posted in each area and classroom?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Does your ministry invest in security equipment that enables staff and volunteers to limit access to specific areas of the building, such as the children's wing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does your ministry have security cameras, panic buttons, silent alarms, a crisis app, or other types of security equipment to help ensure the safety of your attendees, volunteers, and staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Does your ministry limit the points of entry by locking doors and by having safety and security team members monitor unlocked doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Have you discussed purchasing security operations insurance to cover possible damages caused by your safety and security team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Do you have a policy which addresses the issue of whether safety and security team members will be armed, and if so, how the members will be selected and trained? Consult local counsel before arming team members to ensure compliance with state law.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do you have a policy regarding weapons on ministry premises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Completed by: _____ Date: _____

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