



## **Top 10 Security Considerations**

A mass attack occurs in the U.S. every two weeks on average. At only 2% of the population, the Jewish community faces 60% of religiously motivated hate crimes. This reality requires us to be proactive and vigilant. The following low-cost or no-cost actions were designed by security experts in consultation with community partners and law enforcement. There are immediate steps you can take as you work to implement a comprehensive, organizational, and community-wide security strategy. For more information, please contact us.

- 1) Limit entrance points. Have a single point of entry and establish access control measures (including checking every guest or visitor). Ensure all windows, doors, and other entry points are secure. Test alarm systems.
- 2) Make sure exits and entrances are clearly marked and unobstructed.
- 3) Ensure trusted individuals have access to floor plans, necessary keys, or passwords to physically access the building; the ability to operate alarm systems; and access to online platforms in use (e.g., Zoom, Facebook Live).
- 4) Enable caller ID on phones, place an incident checklist near every phone, and train staff on what to say and not say when answering the phone (e.g., do not give out security information related to your facility).
- 5) Have first aid kits, Stop the Bleed® kits, and functional AEDs strategically located throughout the facility. Make sure individuals are trained in how to use these.
- 6) Conduct training repeatedly. Contact your Jewish security initiative to facilitate training such as BeAware: Introduction to Situational Awareness; Countering Active Threat Training; and Stop the Bleed®.
- 7) Convene a security committee to review plans, processes, and procedures, and your Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- 8) Invite local law enforcement agencies to conduct a walkthrough of your facility. Ensure they have copies of relevant floor plans, EOP and are aware of events and general operating times.
- 9) Establish ways to quickly communicate with staff, faculty, students, guests, and parents in the event of an incident both inside the facility and elsewhere in the community. Test and update these systems regularly.
- 10) Always report incidents, suspicious activity, or other concerns to local law enforcement and your Jewish security initiative. Incident report form can be found <https://jewishpgh.org/form/incident-report/>

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