

SETTING UP A *security team*

Does your church have a security team? Are you prepared for the full spectrum of potential threats or hazards that you may face? The following questions may be helpful to ask when setting up a church security team:

1. What are the basic requirements to become a member of your church security team?
2. Did each team member successfully pass a criminal background check?
3. What is the job description of this volunteer position? Expectations/limitations?
4. What insurance coverage does your church need for armed and unarmed team members?
5. Do you need to install/use video cameras? If so, where should they be placed? Who will monitor this video feed? Will the cameras be monitored in real time?
6. Who is responsible for responding to perceived threats and inappropriate behaviors?
7. What are some preventative security measures you need to consider as a church?
8. Who will be responsible for implementing and enforcing these procedures (locking doors; engaging intoxicated and/or suspicious persons; parking lot patrols; etc.)?
9. How will you budget and plan for ongoing training?

10. Is there a budget to purchase and maintain equipment?
11. Equipment may include the following: radios, video equipment, or the use of off-duty police officers or security personnel.
12. What consistent method will your church use for documenting and reporting security incidents?
13. Will the team be responsible for responding to health emergencies?
14. If so, will there be first-aid and AED training provided by the church?
15. Will the team be responsible for receiving reports of abuse allegations and responding appropriately?
16. Are there local law enforcement resources who can be contacted for facility assessments and security training?
17. What are local law enforcement expectations for the church security team?
18. What are the first steps law enforcement will take when arriving at your church?
19. Will there be a contact person from the local law enforcement?

RESOURCES

- [Armed Security and Insurance Coverage](#)
- [Developing High Quality Emergency Operation Plans](#)
- [Security System Technology](#)
- [Southern Baptist Convention Resources](#)
- [Top 10 Questions about Active Shooter Preparedness](#)
- [Church Security Training Materials](#)
- [Church Security Kit](#)