

20-Point Church Security Checklist

Use this checklist to evaluate your church's preparedness and identify critical gaps in security, communication, legal compliance, and emergency response. Provided by Concealed Carry Classes of Denver (CCCD).

1. Do you have a layered security team that includes both armed and unarmed members with clearly defined roles?
2. Do your plainclothes armed team members carry a high-visibility strap or marker to identify themselves during an emergency?
3. Are all armed personnel CHP-certified and trained in Colorado's use-of-force laws?
4. Are unarmed volunteers trained to observe, report, and communicate clearly without engaging physically?
5. Is there a "See Something, Say Something" policy that is communicated clearly to all congregation members?
6. Are you using reliable two-way radios or mobile radio apps (like Zello) for real-time security team communication?
7. Do team members use group texts for live updates, subject photos, and quiet alerts during services?
8. Is someone always assigned to monitor CCTV cameras during services, events, and large gatherings?
9. Are all entry/exit points controlled during services, with a designated main entrance and all others locked?
10. Are children's areas and offices secured with restricted access and camera coverage?
11. Do you hold quarterly or biannual drills for lockdown, evacuation, and medical scenarios?
12. Is your team trained in active shooter response, such as Run, Hide, Fight or your church's custom plan?
13. Do you use a color-coded and numeric code system (e.g., Code Red, Code 1) for radio communications?
14. Is your team equipped with trauma kits, AEDs, and trained in CPR and Stop the Bleed techniques?
15. Have you identified medically trained members of the congregation (nurses, EMTs) and assigned them roles?
16. Do all children's ministry volunteers pass background checks and follow strict pick-up/drop-off protocols?
17. Have you consulted legal counsel to ensure your policies, procedures, and armed response plans are lawful?
18. Does your church carry insurance coverage that includes armed volunteers, professional liability, and active threat scenarios?
19. Do you have an incident reporting system in place, with secure storage and clearly documented

procedures?

20. Are local law enforcement familiar with your layout, and have they been invited for walkthroughs or security drills?

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