

Resources on Human Caused Disasters

In response to numerous requests for training materials to assist churches in planning and responding to an active shooter situation and other forms of human caused disasters, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing this Resource Guide.

Planning & Training

Free Online Courses:

- **FEMA: Independent Study 360 - Planning for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education and Houses of Worship.** Provides leading practices and resources for preparing for and responding to mass casualty incidents. Also includes a Quick Reference Guide on Violence in Houses of Worship.
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-360>
- **FEMA: Independent Study 907 - Active Shooter - What You Can Do.** Provides non-law enforcement individuals with recommended actions should they be confronted with an active shooter situation.
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907>
- **DHS Webpage: Active Shooter: How to Respond.** Provides fact sheets for private citizens, HR professionals, Active Shooter Workshop participants and First Responders. Also provides links to videos on Active Shooter planning.
<https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>
- **Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship Security Guide:** A DHS Guidebook for both thinking about the security of Houses of Worship and achieving a security plan best suited to the unique circumstances of every community.
<https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/mitigating-attacks-houses-worship-security-guide>
- **Armed Intruder Best Practices Video:** Church Mutual Insurance partnered with Alice Training Institute, experts in active shooter civilian response, to create a Best Practices Video and Armed Intruder Resources Kit.
<https://www.churchmutual.com/6421/Armed-Intruder>
- **Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment:** A CISA-developed baseline security self-assessment tool designed for persons with little to no security experience.
<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/houses-worship-security-self-assessment>