



HOUSES OF WORSHIP SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS



Active Threat

- Avoid/Run: get away from the threat if you can
- Deny/Hide: deny access if you cannot get away from the threat (lockdown/lockout)
- Defend/Fight: fight for your life if you cannot avoid or deny
- **9-1-1:** (call when safe to do so)



Bomb Threat

- Do not activate fire alarm
- Do not touch or move suspicious items
- Panic is counterproductive, calmly leave area and assist others to do so as well
- Report threat to facility staff (lay or professional)
- If unable to report threat, alert local law enforcement



Fire

- **9-1-1:** do not hesitate
- Locate exits
- Locate and activate fire alarms
- Assist with evacuations
- Ensure all persons are out of the building



Lost Child

- Immediately report the issue to facility staff (lay or professional)
- Attempt to locate the child's parent/guardian as soon as possible
- Notify law enforcement
- Note all information regarding last sighting of the child to include: time since missing, clothing, direction of travel (if known), who was with the child



Medical Emergency

- Ensure you are in a safe place to provide aid
- Get help as soon as possible
- Familiarize yourself with locations of AED, stop the bleed kits, medical bags
- Do not move the victim unless absolutely necessary



Suspicious Item

- Do not touch, tamper with, or move the item
- Immediately report the item to facility staff (lay or professional)
- Notify local law enforcement
- Assist with clearing the area near the item

Call 9-1-1, your local reporting entity, as well as the SCN Duty Desk at 844.SCN.DESK

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