



**Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties**  
DHS and Federal Resources to Prevent Targeted Violence and Threats

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Resources**

**Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL)**

- **About:** <https://www.dhs.gov/crcl>
- **File a Complaint:** <https://www.dhs.gov/file-civil-rights-complaint>
- **Contact:** [CRCL@dhs.gov](mailto:CRCL@dhs.gov)
- **Community Engagement Section:**
  - Overview: <https://www.dhs.gov/community-engagement>
  - Contact: [communityengagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:communityengagement@hq.dhs.gov)
- **Compliance Branch:**
  - Website: <https://www.dhs.gov/compliance-branch>
  - Contact: [CRCLCompliance@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CRCLCompliance@hq.dhs.gov)

**Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**

- **Security resources for faith-based organizations and houses of worship:** [cisa.gov/faith-based-organizations-houses-worship](https://cisa.gov/faith-based-organizations-houses-worship)
- **Securing Public Gatherings**
  - **Public Gatherings:** [cisa.gov/securing-public-gatherings](https://cisa.gov/securing-public-gatherings)
  - **Houses of Worship:** [cisa.gov/houses-worship](https://cisa.gov/houses-worship)
  - **Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment Interactive Tool:** [cisa.gov/houses-of-worship](https://cisa.gov/houses-of-worship)
    - Designed to assess an organization or facility's security posture and to facilitate the process of enhancing security.
    - The Houses of Worship Security Self-Assessment user guide and survey are located at [cisa.gov/houses-worship-security-self-assessment](https://cisa.gov/houses-worship-security-self-assessment).
- **Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship Security Guide:** [cisa.gov/mitigating-attacks-houses-worship-security-guide](https://cisa.gov/mitigating-attacks-houses-worship-security-guide)
  - The guide can serve as a great resource to address security gaps identified through the self-assessment tool. The guide also provides detailed information on how to protect your facility from nefarious cyber actors. It addresses the threats of ransomware, website defacement, and financial exploitation.

- **De-Escalation for Critical Infrastructure Owners and Operators:** [cisa.gov/de-escalation-series](https://www.cisa.gov/de-escalation-series)
  - Consists of four products to support the recognition of warning signs for someone on the pathway to violence, assessment if a situation is escalating, de-escalation of a potentially dangerous situation, and report to appropriate authorities.
- **Active Shooter Preparedness Resources:** [cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](https://www.cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness)
  - Provide access to training and best practices relating to behavioral indicators, potential attack methods, emergency action plan creation, actions that may be taken during an incident to reduce its impact, and how to quickly recover from an incident.
- **Bombing Prevention Resources:** [cisa.gov/office-bombing-prevention-obp](https://www.cisa.gov/office-bombing-prevention-obp)
  - Training and best practices focused on preventing, protecting against, responding to, and mitigating the use of explosives against critical infrastructure and public gatherings.
- **Tabletop Exercise Packages for Faith-Based Organizations:** [cisa.gov/cisa-tabletop-exercises-packages](https://www.cisa.gov/cisa-tabletop-exercises-packages)
  - Provides access to comprehensive resources designed to assist stakeholders in conducting independent exercises through a variety of scenarios.
- **Protective Security Advisors (PSA):** [cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors](https://www.cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors) or email [central@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:central@cisa.dhs.gov)
  - Cadre of more than 100 subject matter experts located throughout the nation, available to assist houses of worship with vulnerability assessments, emergency action planning, and coordination.
  - **CISA Security at First Entry (SAFE) Fact Sheet:**  
<https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA%20SAFE%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
- **Hometown Security:** [cisa.gov/hometown-security](https://www.cisa.gov/hometown-security)
  - Provides access to tools and resources to support community security and resilience.
  - **Faith Based Organizations - Houses of Worship:** <https://www.cisa.gov/faith-based-organizations-houses-worship>
  - **Promoting Staff Vigilance Through the Power of Hello:**  
<https://www.cisa.gov/employee-vigilance-power-hello> and <https://www.cisa.gov/power-hello-translations> (translations)
    - The product identifies observable suspicious behaviors, suggests questions to consider when navigating the threat, includes information on when and how to obtain help, and outlines incident response best practices.
  - **Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Guide and Template:**  
<https://www.cisa.gov/publication/active-shooter-emergency-action-plan-guide> and <https://www.cisa.gov/translated-active-shooter-resources> (translations)
- **Personal Security Considerations:** <https://www.cisa.gov/all-stakeholders>
- **Tips for Cybersecurity:** <https://www.cisa.gov/tips>

- **Cyber Hygiene Services:** <https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-hygiene-services>

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) Website:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>
  - E-mail to request invitation to Nonprofit Security Grant Program webinars: [fema-nsgp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-nsgp@fema.dhs.gov)
  - **State Administrative Agency Contacts:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/state-administrative-agency-contacts?id=6363>
- **Preparedness Webinars:** <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/preparedness-webinars>

### **United States Secret Service (USSS)**

- **National Threat Assessment Center:** <https://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac/>

### **Office of Intelligence & Analysis (I&A)**

- **Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI):** [www.dhs.gov/NSI](http://www.dhs.gov/NSI)
- **Safety for Faith-Based Events and Houses of Worship:** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/safety-faith-based-events-and-houses-worship-nsi-awareness-flyer>
- **DHS Resource on Violence Prevention and the Behavioral Approach to Violence Prevention:** <https://www.dhs.gov/national-threat-evaluation-and-reporting-program>

### **DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships**

- **Website:** <https://www.dhs.gov/faith>
- **Resources:** <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/individuals-communities/faith>
- **Preparing for Human-Caused or Natural Disaster:** <https://www.ready.gov/>
- **Email:** [Partnerships@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Partnerships@fema.dhs.gov)

### **Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)**

- **Website:** [www.dhs.gov/CP3](http://www.dhs.gov/CP3)
- **Grants:** <https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>
- **Point of Contact for National Organizations:** [CP3StrategicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CP3StrategicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov)
- **Request a Community Awareness Briefing:** [cabriefingrequests@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:cabriefingrequests@hq.dhs.gov)
- **General Inquiry E-mail:** [TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov)
- **If You See Something, Say Something™:** <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>
- **DHS Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence:** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-strategic-framework-countering-terrorism-and-targeted-violence>

- **Community Engagement in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP):** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/community-engagement-targeted-violence-and-terrorism-prevention-tvtp?topic=preventing-terrorism>
- **Building Peer-to-Peer Engagements:** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/building-peer-peer-engagements?topic=preventing-terrorism>
- **Risk Factors and Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention:** <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/risk-factors-and-targeted-violence-and-terrorism-prevention?topic=preventing-terrorism>
- **Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team publication – Threat of Terrorism and Hate Crimes Against Jewish Communities in the United States:** [https://www.dni.gov/files/NCTC/documents/jcat/firstresponderstoolbox/First\\_Responder\\_s\\_Toolbox\\_-\\_Religious\\_Facilities\\_and\\_Adherents.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/NCTC/documents/jcat/firstresponderstoolbox/First_Responder_s_Toolbox_-_Religious_Facilities_and_Adherents.pdf)

### **Additional U.S. Government Resources**

#### **The White House**

**President Biden Reestablishes the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships:** <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/14/fact-sheet-president-biden-reestablishes-the-white-house-office-of-faith-based-and-neighborhood-partnerships/>

**National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism:** <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/15/fact-sheet-national-strategy-for-countering-domestic-terrorism/>

#### **Department of Justice Community Relations Service**

- **Website:** <https://www.justice.gov/crs>
- **Protecting Places of Worship:** <https://www.justice.gov/crs/our-work/facilitation/protecting-places-of-worship>
- **Information on Hate Crimes and How to Prevent Them:** <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes>
- **E-mail:** [askcrs@usdoj.gov](mailto:askcrs@usdoj.gov)

#### **Department of Justice Civil Rights Division**

- **Website:** <https://www.justice.gov/crt>
- **Contact / Report a Violation:** <https://civilrights.justice.gov/>

#### **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

- **Contact Information for FBI Field Offices:** <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices>
- **Report a Hate Crime:** 1-800-CALL-FBI or submit a tip at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov)
- **Resources:** <https://www.fbi.gov/resources>