



SAFETY TIPS

for Communities of Faith



- 1 Have one or more members posted at designated areas to observe people exiting cars and walking toward the house of worship.
- 2 Prepare key volunteers to recognize, report, and respond to suspicious activity or safety incident. Part of the preparation should be focused on being observant for signs of stress or suspicious actions.
- 3 Develop an emergency plan to address natural disasters and test this plan annually.
- 4 When opening and closing your facility, pay close attention to your surroundings, and be extra vigilant.
- 5 Review outdoor lighting to make sure it's sufficient. Consider video cameras, and maintain plants and shrubbery on the grounds to reduce hiding places.
- 6 Report suspicious activity to police immediately; ***if you see something, say something!***
- 7 If your life is in danger, remember "***Run. Hide. Fight.***" This means get away as soon as possible. If you can't get away, hide. Barricade doors if possible, continually make your spot better if possible. And last, if you can't get away, and you don't have time to hide or your location is found, be ready to fight the person who is a threat. Use any and all means necessary, and use improvised weapons (e.g., lamp, hot coffee, pen, chair).

Call 503-823-3333 to report suspicious activity,
and call 911 for emergencies.