



ENHANCE SECURITY AT YOUR FACILITY TODAY: A TOP 10 LIST

A mass attack occurs in the U.S. every two weeks on average. At only 2% of the population, the Jewish community faces nearly 60% of religiously motivated hate crimes. This reality requires us to be proactive and vigilant. The following **low-cost or no-cost actions** were designed by security experts in consultation with community partners and law enforcement. They are **immediate steps** you can take to take as you work to implement a comprehensive, organization and community-wide security strategy. For more information, contact your local Jewish security initiative or SCN.

- 1** Limit entrance points. Have a single point of entry and establish access control measures (including checking every guest or visitor). Ensure all windows, doors, and other entry points are secure. Test alarm systems.

- 2** Make sure exits and entrances are clearly marked and unobstructed.

- 3** Ensure trusted individuals have access to floor plans, necessary keys, or passwords to physically access the building; the ability to operate alarm systems; and access to online platforms in use (e.g. Zoom, Facebook Live).

- 4** Enable caller ID on phones, place an incident checklist near every phone, and train staff on what to say – and not say – when answering the phone (e.g., do not give out security information related to your facility).

- 5** Have first aid kits, Stop the Bleed® kits, and functional AEDs strategically located throughout the facility. Make sure individuals are trained on how to use these.

- 6** Conduct trainings **repeatedly**. Contact your Jewish security initiative or SCN to facilitate training such as BeAware: Introduction to Situational Awareness; Countering Active Threat Training; and Stop the Bleed®.

- 7** Invite local law enforcement agencies to conduct a walkthrough of your facility. Ensure they have copies of relevant floor plans and are aware of events and general operating times.

- 8** Convene a security committee to review plans, processes, and procedures.

- 9** Establish ways to quickly communicate with staff, faculty, students, guests, and parents in the event of an incident – both inside the facility and elsewhere in the community. **Test and update these systems regularly.**

- 10** **Always** report incidents, suspicious activity, or other concerns to local law enforcement, your Jewish security initiative (if applicable), and the SCN Duty Desk at DutyDesk@securecommunitynetwork.org or 844.SCN.DESK.