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- Prepare for Violence in Your Church
- 10 Easy Ways to Create a Safer Church
- Should Our Church Have Armed Security Guards?
- Develop a Volunteer Safety and Security Team
- Working Together
- Emergency Drills Make a Difference
- Strengthen Your Defenses
- The Deacon's Bench: Safety and Security Assessments

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FIREARMS AT CHURCH

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK



WHO CAN CARRY CONCEALED FIREARMS ON MINISTRY PROPERTY?

The regulations for carrying a concealed firearm in church vary based on the location of your ministry. It's important for your ministry to consider its stance. Choose one or more of the following options and consider the questions related to each.

MORE MINISTRY CONTROL

LESS MINISTRY CONTROL

NO ONE

All individuals are prohibited from carrying firearms.

SIGNAGE

Does your state require your ministry to post signs prohibiting firearms, or are firearms automatically prohibited?

AUTHORIZED BY LAW

Are police officers or similar authorities authorized by law to carry firearms, regardless of ministry policy?

OUTSIDE SECURITY

Only an outside security vendor whom you have hired is authorized to carry firearms.

OFF-DUTY OFFICERS

Can you hire local law enforcement? If so, what does the police department require regarding insurance and liability issues?

SECURITY VENDORS

If you're planning to hire an outside security company, is it qualified, properly licensed, and insured?

SECURITY TEAM

Only individuals on your ministry's internal security team are authorized to carry firearms.

SECURITY PLAN

Have you defined your security team's duties and training?

SCREENING

How will you screen the security team (interview, background check, permit verification, training, etc.)?

LICENSING

Does your state require armed members to be licensed security guards?

INSURANCE

Do you have proper insurance to protect your ministry and the security team?

EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Select ministry employees and/or volunteers are authorized to carry firearms.

POSITION REVIEW

Have you identified which positions are not conducive to carrying a firearm?

SCREENING

How will you screen your employees and/or volunteers (interview, background check, permit verification, training, etc.)?

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Are you allowing employees and/or volunteers to carry, or are you specifically authorizing them to act on your ministry's behalf?

APPROVED ATTENDEES

Certain attendees are approved to carry firearms.

GUIDELINES

How will you determine whether to allow an attendee to carry?

PRIOR APPROVAL

Does your state allow prior approval on an individual basis? If one person is approved, may others automatically carry?

AUTHORITY TO ACT

Are you allowing attendees to carry, or are you specifically authorizing them to act on your ministry's behalf?

ANYONE

Any individual with a permit is authorized to carry firearms.

SIGNAGE

Are you required by state law to post signs granting permission to carry, or is permission automatically granted?

VIOLATIONS

Have you considered what behavior is not allowed when someone is carrying a firearm?