

Faith Based Organization – Self Risk Assessment Tool



The Faith Based Organization-Self Risk Self Assessment Tool is designed to assist faith based leaders with the basic identification and management of security vulnerabilities to reduce risk to their houses of worship and congregants. The tool uses self-identified risk estimates in combination with security recommendations to provide users with options for consideration to improve the security posture of their facility. Faith based leaders are encouraged to contact local law enforcement and the local DHS Protective Security Advisor to identify additional Risk Assessment tools. For more information or to contact your local PSA, please send an email to CIOCC.Physical@cisa.dhs.gov.

Property Information

Site Name:		
Site Address:		
Assigned Risk Level:	Total Risk Score:	Date of Completion:
Property Type: Residential Business School Underdeveloped Industrial Recreational Other: _____	Surrounding Area:	
Brief Description of Property and Surrounding Area: (Identify all key features of the facility, property and surrounding areas. This will assist users of the assessment tool identify important components of the facility that will be part of the overall assessment.)		

Sociopolitical Considerations

Terrorism and Extremist Trends: (Identify local, regional or national trends concerning extremist views that may have a connection to your institution and its safety.)
Nature and Levels of Crime: (Identify local crime trends in the surrounding area of your facility. Examples may be incidents of theft, burglary, vandalism, assaults, etc.)

Security Incidents on or Around the Property: (Identify any security incidents on or around the property of your facility. Examples may be previous issues with transients, disruptive persons, suspicious person's reports, etc.)

Community Concerns that May Affect the Organization: (Work with other faith based leaders, congregants and local community members to identify any concerns that may affect the safety of the facility, congregants and surrounding areas.)

Independent Risk Score for the Area

(Contact local law enforcement to obtain information about crime statistics in the area of the house of worship. Also, there are many on-line webpages and real estate webpages that provide online community crime reports at a low cost.)

Risk Matrix

Security Hazards and Risks (Circle one on each line)

Arson or vandalism:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Theft:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Home or office invasion:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Homeless or transient population nearby:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Violent crime with a weapon:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Aggravated crime or assault:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Gender-based violence:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Political or civil unrest:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Kidnapping:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)
Fraud:	low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Health and disease: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Environmental factors: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Transportation and infrastructure: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Gang, racial, or tribal conflicts: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Regional terrorism or extremist trends: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

U.S. State Department or local government assessment: low (1), medium (2), high (3), extreme (4)

Score: _____

Total Risk Score (the risk score is only a general guideline in determining risk level):

Rating	Risk score	Action Plan
Low	16-26	Basic security precautions
Moderate	22-42	Additional security precaution
High	38-58	Compliance with security restrictions; discretionary equipment recommendations
Extreme	54-64	Critical business only; consultation advised with security team

Risk Matrix Comments

(Any clarifying information regarding the risk matrix scores)

Hardware and System

Risk Level Recommendations			
LOW	MED	HIGH	EXTR

Recommendations

Exterior lighting:	yes / no	X	X	X	X
Fire alarm system:	yes / no	X	X	X	X
Intrusion alarm system:	yes / no	X	X	X	X
Environmental alarm system:	yes / no	X	X	X	X
Electronic access control:	yes / no		X	X	X
Video surveillance:	yes / no		X	X	X
Panic alarms:	yes / no		X	X	X
Perimeter fencing:	yes / no		X	X	X

Video and intercom access:	yes / no	X	X
Reinforced doors:	yes / no	X	X
Reinforced windows:	yes / no	X	X
Vehicle barriers:	yes / no	X	X
Electronic gate controls:	yes / no	X	X
Security guard services/booth:	yes / no	X	X
Perimeter detection system:	yes / no		X
Pedestrian turnstiles:	yes / no		X
Emergency lockdown controls:	yes / no		X
Designated safe holding room:	yes / no		X

Additional Information Regarding Hardware and System Recommendations

Additional Comments