

Vulnerability and Threat Assessment

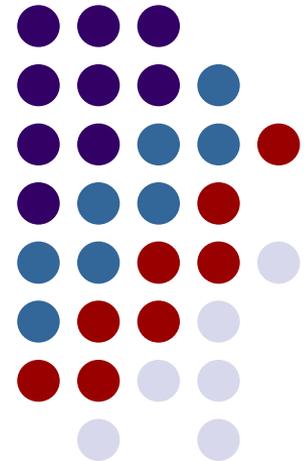
for Church & meeting areas

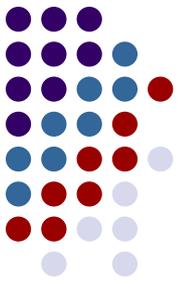


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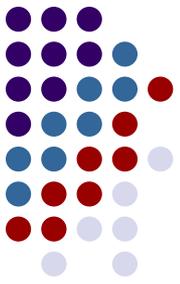


Identification of threat

First issue in developing a security plan is to determine the types of threats:

- **Vandalism**
- **Theft**
- **Attacks during congregational activities**
- **Attacks involving children**

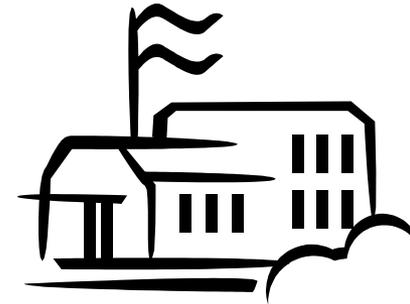
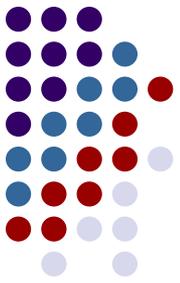
Assessing and Implementing Protective Measures



- **Form a security assessment team:**
 - **Members who have security experience**
 - **Members who are responsible for various programs that require additional protection**
 - **Law Enforcement Officials**
 - **Subject Matter Experts**



Assessing Church Security



Neighborhood and Community

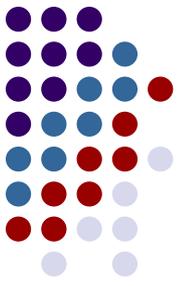
**Exterior
Security**

**Part I:
Interior
security**

**Special events/
Extracurricular activities**

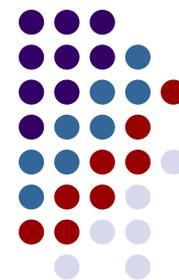
Part II: Exterior Assessment

Neighborhood and Community



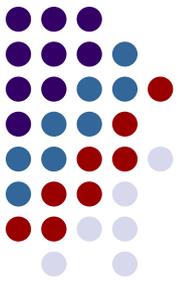
- **What is the crime rate for the area?**
- **What types of crime are committed in the area?**
- **Are there railways or highways nearby that could pose a threat ?**
- **Are there geographical features that provide access to the building ?**
- **Is there a sexual predator in your general area?**

Exterior security considerations



- **Unmonitored doors should be kept locked.**
 - **Implement Lock and Key control systems**
 - **Augment with electronic access control systems (Proximity/Biometric Controls)**
- **Windows should be kept locked.**
- **Maintain or remove landscaping that blocks the view of the outside of the facility from the inside.**
- **If you are using cameras to monitor the parking lot, have someone monitor the cameras.**
 - **Unmonitored cameras are often useless.**
 - **Clearly visible signage will discourage theft and vandalism.**
- **Check your exterior lighting at night. One of the most effective deterrents to crime is exterior lighting.**

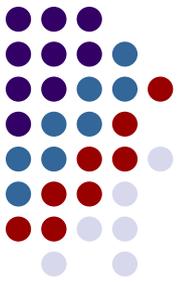
Interior security considerations



- Keep exterior doors secured and limit visitor access to monitored doors
- Incorporate security sweeps interior and exterior during services
- Develop & exercise procedures for handling suspicious visitors, packages etc.
- Develop plans for various events and functions
- Raise the awareness level of members.



Summary



- The threats we face are real but we must not surrender our freedoms and safety
- We must maintain a balance between prepared and paranoid.
- **Security and convenience don't exist in the same universe**
- Security is more of attitude or approach verses specific actions. Our goal is to develop new habits and enhance our awareness of precautions we can take to achieve a protected environment.