

# Advanced Learning Workshop: House of Worship Security



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Not too long ago a “house of worship” was considered a safe haven; a place to pray, a place of peace and a sanctuary for worshipping away from conflicts of the world. Today however, crime and violence have become far too prevalent and continue to breach our houses of worship.

**Is your House of Worship secure? You MUST ask the question.**

Recent events only serve to highlight the security challenges faced by faith-based institutions who must balance their mission to be open and welcoming to the communities they serve, but also protective of their worshipers and ministry staff. Multiple prevention strategies provide defenses that protect people and assets, deter offenders and help to avoid a major incident against a house of worship.

Topics include:

- Understand the threats and vulnerabilities
- Identify and mitigate risks
- Understand the adversary's perspective
- Think like the "bad guy"
- Organizing a security team
- How to train volunteers
- Networking and community outreach
- Provide resources, including components of a sound plan
- Round table discussions can include your facility

**Improve Church and House of Worship Security.**

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# Advanced Learning Workshop: Protecting Religious Leaders



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Religious leaders are often the most respected figures in their communities. Buddhist monks, imams, pastors, priests, pujaris, and leaders of all faith play a powerful role in shaping attitudes, opinions and behaviors because their members trust them. Community members and political leaders also listen to religious leaders.

**Understand how Personal Protection Specialists and Bodyguards balance the security needs of these notable individuals globally.**

At all levels, religious leaders have the power to raise awareness and influence attitudes, behaviors and practices. They can shape social values in line with faith-based teachings. That sometimes may be challenging when dealing with controversy and media.

Topics include:

- The unique aspect of the protection of a religious leader
- Low and high profile protection strategies
- Dealing with controversy and media
- The art of avoiding conflict and problems
- Understand the threats and vulnerabilities
- Identify and mitigate the risks
- Round table discussions of best practices and worst case scenarios

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