

How to Plan for Emergencies in Your Church

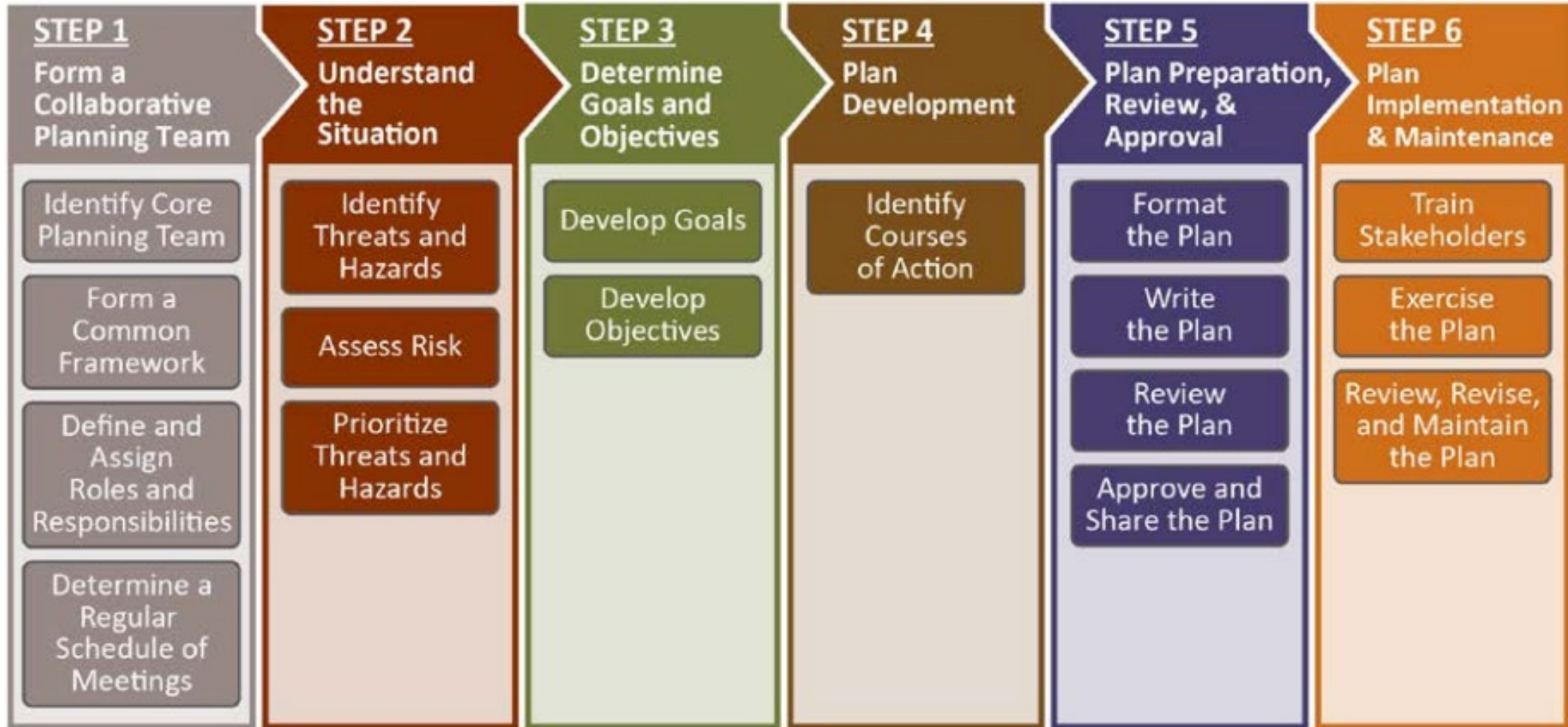
Acts 20:28-32

We are called to care for the church

Agenda

- Policy and Processes
- Types of Emergencies
- Training

Policy/Processes



- [Developing High Quality Emergency Operations for the House of Worship](#)

Types of Emergencies



Medical



Fire



Unwanted
Person



Medical Emergencies

Types of Medical Emergencies



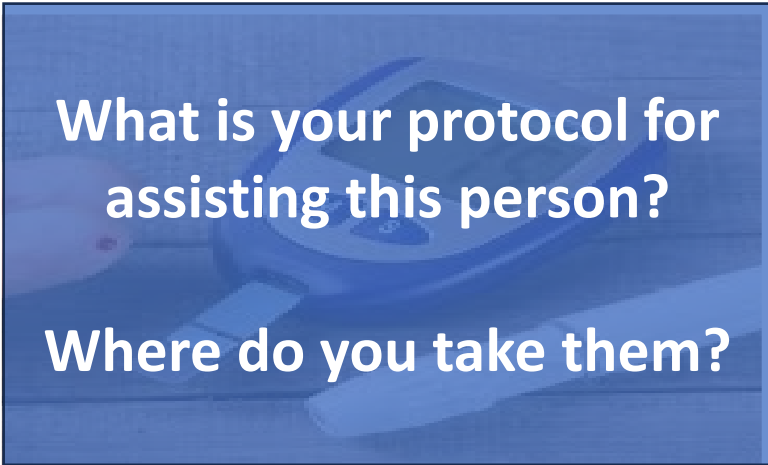
Do you have a First Aid Kit?

Do you train individuals in
First Aid?



Do all your stairs have
Railings?

Are all trip hazards out of
aisle ways?



What is your protocol for
assisting this person?

Where do you take them?



What is your response to
this person?

Do you know what to do?



Do you have an AED?

Is it visible to everyone?

Are there people trained
on how to use it?

Medical Emergencies

Who do you train?

Ushers

Greeters

Deacons

Congregation
?

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Medical Emergencies

Do you have a protocol/ plan for different medical situations?

- How to remove someone from the sanctuary during service, having a medical emergency
- Where will the ambulance park?

Training Links

- Local Fire Department
- [American Red Cross Training](#)
- [American Heart Association](#)
- [National Safety Council](#)



Fire Emergencies

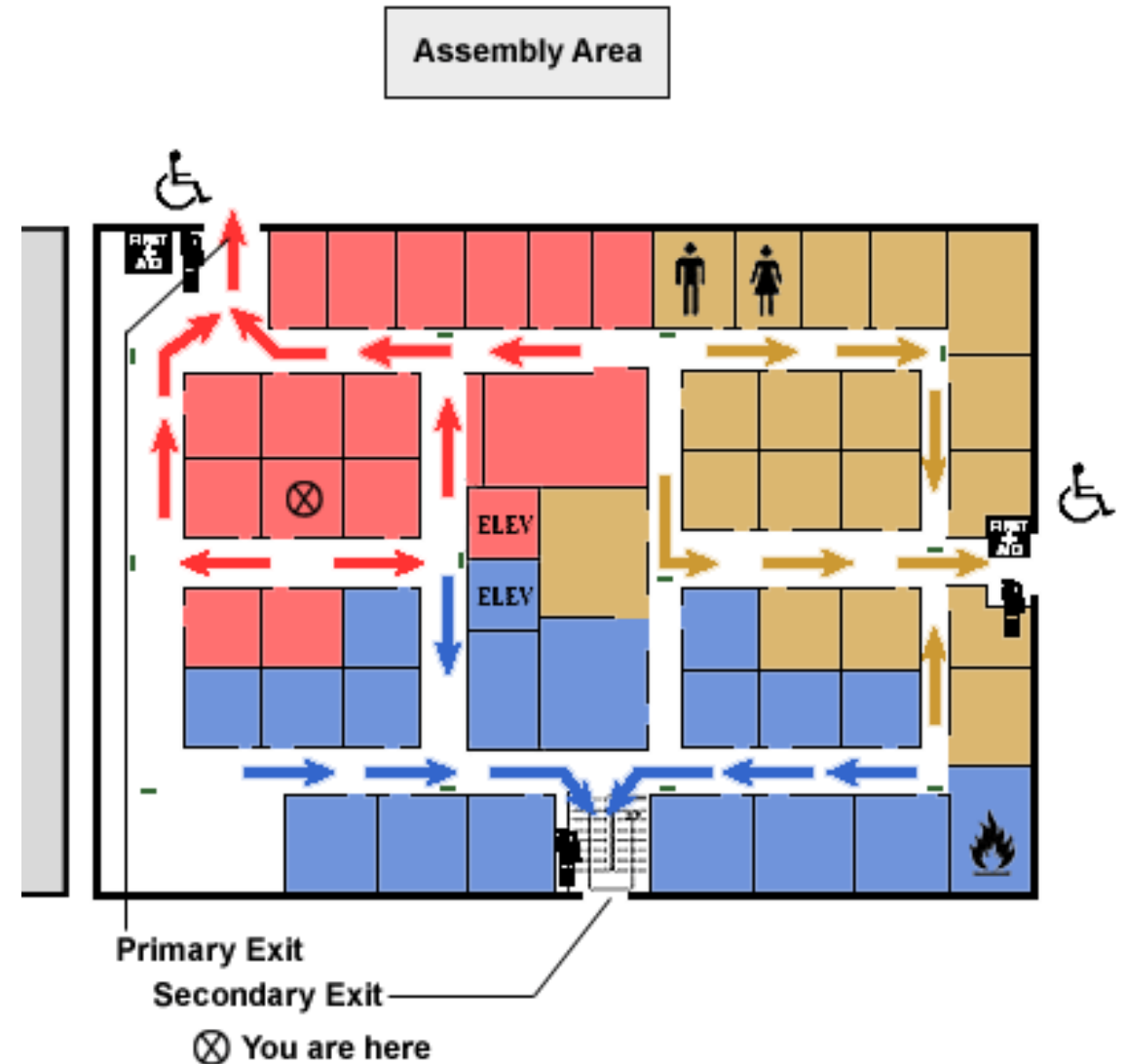
Fire Extinguishers

- Do you have the correct type in different areas?
- Are they visible throughout the church?
- Do People know how to use them?
- Have you “PASS” extinguisher training?
 - Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep



Fire Emergencies

- Do you have smoke and CO2 alarms?
- Is it connected to an alarm system?
- Is your building protected by sprinkler systems?
- Do you have evacuation routes posted?
- Contact your Local Fire Department for questions or training





Unwanted Person

Unwanted Person

- An "unwanted person in church" refers to someone who is causing disruption, discomfort, or a negative atmosphere within the church community, often through disruptive behavior, inappropriate conduct, or actions that go against the church's values, potentially leading to other members feeling unwelcome or uncomfortable attending services.



5 Universal Truths

1. All People wants to be treated with Dignity and Respect

2. All People wants to be asked not told

3. All people want to know why they are being asked

4. All people want to have options

5. All People want to be provided a second chance

Power of Hello



De-escalation

- De-Escalation
 - Recognize
 - Assess
 - De-escalate
 - Report

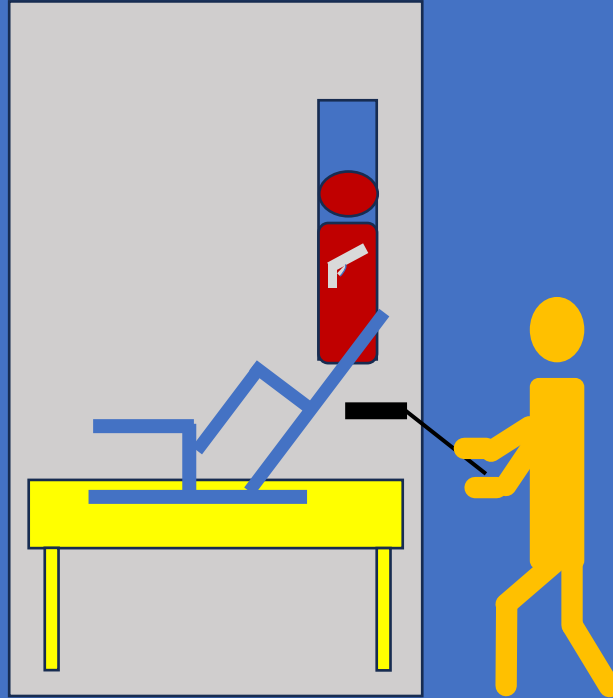


Response to an Active Shooter (RHF)



RUN/EVACUATE

- Move away from the threat
- Go to the Rally Point



HIDE

- Secure/Control Your location(lockdown)
- Create a Barricade



FIGHT

- Disrupt the Attacker's Actions
- Control the attacker

Other Links for Resources

www.cisa.gov

[Physical Security-](#)

[Protective Security Advisors](#)

[DHS Grant](#)

[Emergency Action Plan](#)

[Insurance Board Safety Central](#)

Questions



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