

Civil Unrest

FACILITY PREPAREDNESS



The Jewish Federation
OF GREATER WASHINGTON



There is no known specific threat to the Jewish community as it relates to this upcoming election, however civil unrest can be very disruptive. Our organizations are faced with yet another severe challenge, but they are in a unique position to help assure public safety. Preparing for any type of crisis or emergency is a shared responsibility within an organization. Preparedness efforts can greatly reduce the risks of incidents for your organization. Refer to the below checklist on what your organization can do to be more prepared during times of civil unrest.

FACILITY ASSESSMENTS

- Survey and remove loose items from the surrounding area that can be used as projectiles
- Remove all trash cans, construction cones and other debris (tables, chairs, signs, etc)
- Empty and lock dumpsters
- Ensure cameras are operational, adjust cameras as needed
- Inspect fire extinguishers to ensure they are in working condition and readily available
- Ensure all window shades and curtains are closed

SECURITY PREPAREDNESS

- Prepare for additional security presence
- Prepare to call law enforcement (9-1-1) in the event of violence or civil unrest
- Prepare for early dismissal and evacuation
- Prepare to shelter in place

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- Notify of closing and/or changes in work schedules
- Close facility or telework if possible
- Implement access control policy, ID card access only
- Update local, state and federal law enforcement points of contact
- Update internal communications list
- Update emergency vendor contacts

PROTEST PREPAREDNESS

- Do not engage with protesters especially when entering or leaving your facility
- Plan and discuss with your staff what actions to take during the protest
- Avoid counter-protests or educational events at the same location as, or close to, the protest as they may spark avoidable conflict
- Be prepared to walk past or avoid protesters if returning to your facility

To report a threat or incident, please contact:
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