



## Security / Safety Equipment/Gear/Supplies Guide

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As a person with a technical background, a volunteer first responder, been head of gear management for a Fortune 30 company, and support over 350 churches with resources over the last 34 years, I am a “Gear Head”, no not the 4-on-the-floor type of gearhead, I’m talking a miniature REI/Bass Pro, but focused on Security and Safety and Medical Response. Just ask my grace filled wife. I have a saying, groceries don’t fit in my Jeep, only read-to-go gear.

Since a organization/church is a tad bigger and more complex than my Jeep, lets talk about some ideas of what MINIMUM security, safety, and medical response gear you should consider, especially when working on new year budgets, DHS Grants, etc. Obviously, having gear means your leadership needs to be responsible for maintaining the gear and making sure users of the gear trained in its use.

This is meant to cover fixed equipment like cameras, access control, fire extinguishers, but more focused on portable or incident-only items.

Things to consider:

- What equipment/gear/supplies and how many?
- Location - Where it is stored (onsite, vehicles, portable, offsite events, etc)? Publicly accessible or behind locked doors?
- Training – Do we have a training program and certification inventory of potential users of the equipment/gear/supplies?
- Use vs. Available – Do we left staff, volunteers use any of the equipment/gear/supplies or do we just have it available for certified users only?
- Insurance – Do we have proper insurance coverage for the equipment/gear/supplies and its use?
- Fire / OSHA regulations – Are there any fire or OSHA(-type) regulations that REQUIRE certain gear onsite OR don’t allow certain equipment/gear/supplies except under certain conditions?
- Do we have the resources and skillsets to maintain the equipment/gear/supplies and compliance in its use?

## Minimum Equipment/Gear/Supplies

- General
  - High Quality Licensed Radios
  - Webbing
  - Caution Tape
  - Cones, Cones, Cones
  - Water, Gatorade
  - Blankets
  - Basic Tool Kit
  - In Vehicles
    - Air Pump
    - Battery Jumper
    - ColdFire extinguisher
- Security
  - DSM Sash /Identification Lanyards
  - Panic Buttons
  - Portable Privacy Screens for Laptops
- Safety
  - Identification Vests
  - Wet Vac
  - Gaff Tape
  - Bloom/Mop and Buckets
- Medical Response
  - AED
  - Stop The Bleed ® Advanced Kit
  - Basic Medical Kit (avoid medicines without discussion)
  - Wheelchair
  - Stair eVac Chair
  - Back Board
  - Hot pads, Cold Pads
  - Heat Blanket

### Example Locations:

- Lobby
- Security Operations Center
- Bathrooms
- Cafeteria
- Vehicles
- Executive Offices
- Retail “behind the counter”

### Specific Church Locations to consider:

- Portable gear for onsite or offsite events
- Green Room
- Office
- Church Vehicles
- Front row (Under the stage)
- Kids Area/rooms
- Garage/Maintenance Shed