

SAFETY @ CHURCH

Christ Church takes the safety of each person seriously.

This brochure is designed to help you know what to do and what to expect in the unlikely event of an emergency at a weekend service. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Allison Waggoner at awaggoner@cclf.org.

IN THE EVENT OF AN

EMERGENCY



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ACTIVE SHOOTER

The FBI has reported that the average American is 38 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to be involved in an Active Shooter event. However, because of the tragic nature and devastating results of such an event, Christ Church trains volunteers on the following FBI guidelines:

RUN

Have an escape route and plan in mind for your location.

If you can safely evacuate: Leave belongings behind, help others if possible, and call 911 when safe.

HIDE

Know where you would hide that would be out of a shooter's view.

If you hide: Lock or block entry to your hiding place, silence your phone and be quiet. Remain hidden until your area is accessed by law enforcement personnel.

FIGHT

Decide how you can defend yourself and others.

If you need to fight: Do so as a last resort, attempt to incapacitate the shooter, act with as much physical aggression as possible, improvise weapons and/or throw items at shooter.

When law enforcement arrives:

- Raise your hands
- Remain calm – avoid grabbing at officers or screaming and pointing
- Obey instructions, don't ask questions



LOST CHILD

If a child you are responsible for (either as a teacher or parent) is missing, remember the following:

- Immediately and clearly communicate the situation to ERT, usher or Lighthouse leader.
- Trained ushers and Lighthouse staff will respond to LOCK DOWN. No one will be allowed to enter or exit the building until the child has been located.
- A systematic search of the building will begin and emergency personnel will be called if necessary.



MEDICAL

If you become aware of a medical situation, remember the following:

- Immediately and clearly communicate the situation to ERT, usher or Lighthouse leader, they are trained to assist.
- Call 911 if necessary.
- AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) are available at each campus.



FIRE

Emergency maps posted in each room show primary and secondary exit paths and the location of the fire extinguishers. In case of fire, remember the following:

- Pull the closest fire alarm to initiate building evacuation
- Call 911 after you have safely exited the building

When you hear the fire alarm:

- Follow directions given by ERT, ushers and/or ministry leadership.
- Assist elderly/disabled individuals to safely exit the building.
- Do not attempt to go to another part of the building to retrieve children or others. Children will be evacuated by the Lighthouse teacher and volunteers.
- Exit through the nearest unobstructed exit - watch for arriving emergency vehicles.
- Go to and remain in the evacuation assembly area until the all clear is announced.

LAKE FOREST CAMPUS: North Parking Lot/Playground

CROSSROADS CAMPUS: South Parking Lot (next to Soccer Field)

HIGHLAND PARK CAMPUS: Bank Parking Lot



SEVERE WEATHER

Emergency maps posted in each room show the designated severe weather safe areas. Weather conditions are monitored during Sunday morning services. In the event of a weather emergency, an announcement will be made. When relocating to a safe area, remember the following:

- Follow directions given by ERT, ushers and/or ministry leaders and **DO NOT** exit the building.
- Seek shelter in designated safe areas and assist elderly/disabled individuals.
- Do not attempt to go to another part of the building to retrieve children or others, children will be relocated by Lighthouse staff and volunteers.
- Remain in the safe area until the all clear signal has been given.