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Event Safety Tips

Proactive Tips & Strategies to Maintain Safety & Security at Your Event

Prior to your event:

- Monitor social media and news for potential threats or disparaging language
- Consider recruiting volunteers to assist with event safety, security and first aid; preferably those with de-escalation training. See resources below
- Identify potential risks and threats to community safety and security.
- Identify individual and collective vulnerabilities
- Identify what resources you have and what you need

The day of your event:

- Consider using walkie-talkies for team communication. (VOX is a walkie-talkie app that can be used on a cell phone)
- Arrange food, drinks and vendors to be on the outer perimeter of event space to allow for movement
- Post shared values, expectations & safety guidelines posters in visible area
- Clarify shared values & expectations to audience verbally
- Notify audience of exits, where and whom to contact for assistance
- In the case of emergency notify law enforcement and encourage audience to move away from disruptors

After your event

- Debrief with volunteers

De-escalation Resources:

Active Bystander Intervention and De-Escalation

https://bridgingdivides.princeton.edu/sites/g/files/toruqf246/files/documents/DC_Peace_Team_Guidelines_for_Volunteers.pdf

CISA.gov

https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/De-Escalation_Final%20508%20%2809.21.21%29.pdf

Crisis Prevention Institute

<https://institute.crisisprevention.com/De-Escalation-Tips.html?code=BLIT01DT&src=Blog>

Nonviolent Peace Force <https://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/>