

**Ratio Risk Services**  
**RISK ALERT**  
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**RE: FBI and DHS Issue Advisory Alert**

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In the wake of the recent hostage situation at a Jewish synagogue in Texas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security have issued a warning to houses of worship, who are at increased risk of attack by violent extremists. The FBI and DHS are advising houses of worship to be mindful and vigilant of security protocols and to evaluate their security measures for mass gatherings.

**Precautions to Take Now**

- Review your current protocols and procedures with your Parish Safety Committee and ensure every staff and volunteer is aware of your Safety Plan. Ratio Risk Services can provide a template if you do not have one.
- Review the Department of Homeland Security's [resources for faith-based events and houses of worship](#).
- Be mindful of [suspicious activity](#) and contact law enforcement with any concerning behavior you might witness.
- Contact Ratio Risk Services if you have any questions about your parish's safety and security plan.
- If you are interested in attending a [Parish Safety Training](#), which helps parishes begin to develop a Parish Safety Plan and Committee, contact Ratio Risk Services.

If you have any questions regarding your parish safety plan or procedures, please contact Ratio Risk Services at 617-913-2017 or [doreen@ratorisk.com](mailto:doreen@ratorisk.com).