

# Security

## OVERVIEW

The security of incident facilities, response personnel, and the public are major priorities in emergencies. Where terrorism is suspected, the FBI leads the law enforcement investigation, and security may be needed to preserve evidence.

Security services are obtained through various sources including:

- City and township police agencies
- Security staff (uniformed; armed and unarmed)
- Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office
- Oregon State Police
- Federal law enforcement agencies
- Private and contract security
- National Guard law enforcement units
- Multnomah County Health Department employees
- Volunteers (usually trained just-in-time to control flow or to assist security and law enforcement personnel)

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office and other local law enforcement agencies have primary responsibility for maintaining law and order during a public health emergency. If security needs exceed local capabilities, resources and support are requested through the emergency managers or Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) at higher levels of government.

## OBJECTIVES

- Ensure safety for emergency response personnel.
- Preserve evidence at the crime scene.
- Secure facilities, incident sites, supplies, and equipment.
- Safely transport supplies, equipment, and personnel.
- Secure quarantine sites (if activated).

## ACTIVATION



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

During an emergency, health department leadership (Executive, Incident Commander, or Agency Representative as appropriate) initiates a coordinated, and if required, cooperative response with law enforcement.

For More Information:  
 Tab B, Mass Prophylaxes  
 Tab C: Medical Care Point  
 Tab D, Rapid Screening Point  
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 Portland Metropolitan Medical Response System; National Guard;  
 Multnomah County Sheriffs Offices and Police Departments; FBI

## Coordinating Security

TASK	REFERENCE	COMPLETED
<p><b>Initiate security request.</b> During an emergency, the health department's Agency Executive, Incident Commander (IC), or Agency Representative (AR) initiates a coordinated, and if necessary, joint response with law enforcement. The Administrator(s) directly responsible for facilities and operations must determine the need for crowd and traffic control personnel (note: a person, department or agency should be designated as the "lead").</p>		
<p><b>Plan for safe actions.</b> Health department leadership notifies first responders of the biological or chemical agent involved (if known) and advises on appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to use or on appropriateness of PPE being used. If the agent involved is not known, the site is secured until properly protected response personnel are available and a plan for safe actions is developed.</p>		
<p><b>Ensure personnel safety.</b> Health department leadership ensures that proper prophylaxis and other safety measures (e.g., safety training) for members of the response organization (including security personnel) as well as family and colleagues who may be at risk is administered before their response is expected.</p>	<p>Tabs A, B, C, D</p>	
<p><b>Preserve evidence.</b> Establish working relations with law enforcement and security organizations. Preserve evidence at the crime scene by following safe evidentiary protocols.</p>		
<p><b>Coordinate security.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assess security needs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that adequate and functioning access controls and security systems in public health facilities and planned incident facilities have been installed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Notify law enforcement, security, and cooperating and assisting organizations of the times and locations of facility operations.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continuously address security problems.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Limit access.</b> Consider limiting access, establishing a pass system, and accounting for those in secure areas by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Designating separate entrances/exits for staff and public/client use.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Listing authorized staff for each facility and providing access identification (ID).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requiring all staff to wear ID cards to enforce access restrictions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establishing methods and locations to safeguard supplies and equipment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a system to treat clients in their order of arrival or</li> </ul>		

<p>by a priority system.</p>		
<p><b>Protect and control.</b> Consider setting up a limited access outer perimeter to the facility using suitable barriers and devices to route foot and vehicle traffic. Arrange for appropriate security to protect facilities and maintain boundaries of quarantine or contaminated areas. Gridlocked traffic around incident facilities (e.g., clinics, medical care points, hospitals, command posts, etc.) becomes a problem for people in critical need of care, those delivering supplies to the site, and staff needed to dispense the services. Security is needed for the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orderly flow of traffic and parking at the facility.</li> <li>• Orderly movement of staff and clients within the facility.</li> <li>• Control of unruly persons.</li> <li>• Protection of supplies.</li> </ul> <p>Security personnel must be prepared to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet emergency, mass transit, and supply vehicles at the outer perimeter and guide them to the appropriate entrance.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meet individuals coming to the facility at the outer perimeter, identifying them as either authorized staff or eligible for care, and intercepting and detaining individuals attempting unauthorized entry to the facility.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deny ineligible or unauthorized persons admission by using standardized scripts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detain persons for examination and quarantine if they have been exposed to a hazard.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Direct authorized persons to the admission station at the interior perimeter and offer an escort to disabled persons, the elderly and parents with small children, when appropriate.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor length of lines at the facility entrance so that traffic flow and security requirements can be adjusted accordingly.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continuously provide situation information to the EOC.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Disseminate public information, including leaflets and public addresses, that encourages calm and order.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Disperse crowds diplomatically.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Place and adjust physical barriers that aid crowd control.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operate available security equipment such as closed circuit television, metal detectors, security alarm systems and radio communications systems.</li> </ul>	<p>Tab G</p>	