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## Protecting God's House - Your Religious Duty of Care

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All places of worship are considered '**soft targets**' and must be hardened against those that wish harm upon them. Churches, synagogues, mosques, or temples, these facilities are long recognized as welcoming, open sanctuaries offering spiritual support and leadership for those in essential need. So many religious facilities regularly report crimes such as assault, theft, and dire vandalism.

So many establishments are hiring off-duty police officers and security guards while they conduct their services. Even the US government has provided a 'Non-Profit Security Program' which is providing up to some \$60 million to enhance security measures for places of worship, their day-care, and educational programs.

So many security operations suggest prevention and reactive measures while the facility is open, completely missing the historical facts of what is happening with prior events and attacks!

Of course, 'live monitoring' is essential but is a reactive measure. The installing of fencing and cameras is a step in the right direction on restricting access and see what is happening on the daily activities. What is missing is, using the CCTV system to a warning tool concerning what has been recorded and never reviewed. **CCTV**

**Video Footage Auditing** is key to knowing what has gone on before and highlight events that are missed or never seen.

Events such as the New Zealand Mosque killer who was seen and recorded over a period of days surveying the facility which was recorded on CCTV but never reviewed would have been caught and reported with good images of the individual.



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So many churches suffer from arson.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse suffered an estimated \$800,000 in damage in a July 14 fire. Crews responded to the blaze at about 2:45 a.m.

The entire building suffered smoke damage, though the flames didn't get inside the chapel, officials said.

Now the Unified Fire Authority and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever started the fire.



The solution is simple, enabling people to quickly go through ('audit') *24 hours* of their own CCTV video footage in *minutes*. Auditing helps people to 'discover' exceptions that would otherwise remain 'hidden' within the footage. Converting live video feeds into images also enables people to store them cost-effectively to their own OneDrive/Google Drive/Dropbox/Other accounts, as a *disaster recovery* mechanism. Finally, creates standardized audit/incident/other reports in PowerPoint/Word/PDF, and delivers *business intelligence* information.

World's only CCTV video footage auditing, smart backup, and intelligent reporting software.

This initiative is available to all **Religious Places of Worship and non-affording Government Schools** across the world, which we hope will help to keep worshipers of all denominations and our children and educators safer at schools.

**Under this initiative, the CommSmart Global Business version (to cover up to 16 cameras in a 4x4 grid) will be made available for FREE through specially approved System Integrators.**

With severe cases of attacks on religious facilities and the abuse, punishments, violence, suicides, robberies, etc., still continuing unabated in schools across the globe, we would like to make this contribution to society at large.

It is our joint Duty of Care to ensure we do everything to protect each other. We must not negate the obligation in any form.

**Contact us for more information.**

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