

THE CATHOLIC MUTUAL CONNECTION

Introducing... CMG Connect!

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new online training hub, [CMG Connect](#) -- your "one stop shop" for fulfilling your training requirements. At CMG Connect you will find all of our valuable, free online resources, including *Be Smart -- Drive Safe*, *The Business of the Church* series, and *Bloodborne Pathogens*, just to name a few. The first time you visit [CMG Connect](#), just select your arch/diocese, then create an account with your name, user name and password. When you visit after that, you just have to log in. For questions related to CMG Connect functionality, please contact Lori Kortright or Taylor Schueman at 800-228-6108. We look forward to CMG Connecting with you!



Preparing for the Worst Imaginable

It is a sad reality of our modern times that all organizations need to have a plan in place for dealing with an active shooter situation. In fact, according to this 2013 [FBI data](#), incidents in schools and businesses represent seven out of 10 active shootings. Churches and health care facilities are also at risk, representing more than six percent of all mass shooting locations in the U.S. While we pray that it will never be needed, we encourage you to view our video, *Defeating a Violent Intruder*, available from the school safety curriculum on [CMG Connect](#). The video is for anyone in your arch/diocese who needs information on implementing an emergency response plan for these situations. They just have to select the arch/diocese and either sign in or register a user account. You also might consider sharing this [Active Shooter Emergency Response](#) document with all of your locations. For more information about creating an active shooter emergency response plan, please contact your risk management representative.

SAFETY TIP

Even great schools are not immune to potential violence. The Catholic Mutual CARES library has an extensive [planning guide](#) to help ensure each school in your arch/diocese is compliant with the latest safety recommendations in the event of a violent incident. Following these procedures will not only limit your liability, it will help ensure that a serious incident does not become a tragic one.

Second-hand Sense

Parishes and other organizations that operate thrift stores or rummage sales -- or collect for charity -- provide a valuable service by giving items a second life (thereby producing less waste), and providing people with necessities or small luxuries at low or no cost. However, it's important to note that not every item should be considered fair game for re-sale or donation. For a list of items that may leave your organization liable, please click [here](#). You can familiarize yourself with our thrift store guidelines by clicking [here](#).



To view this newsletter on our website, please click [here](#).