



# TIPS TO PROTECT CHICAGO'S BUSINESSES

The City of Chicago is working diligently to ensure that our business community is prepared for events, large demonstrations, protest activity and civil unrest. Here are a few steps you can take to proactively prepare for activity in your community:

## 1. Sign up for ChiBiz Alerts

- Opt-in to receive targeted emergency alerts for the business community via CHIBIZ Emergency Alerts
- If interested, text "CHIBIZ" TO 6-7-2-8-3 or visit [Chicago.gov/chibizalerts](http://Chicago.gov/chibizalerts)

## 2. Join Chicago's Public and Private Partnership Initiative (CP3)

- Sign up at [preparedchicago.com](http://preparedchicago.com) to provide critical information to first responders as they respond to incidents and assist emergency management officials in the development of citywide response plans
- As an added benefit, CP3 partners have access to an array of resource documents regarding general security measures and emergency planning

## 3. Stay Alert

- Call 9-1-1 if you witness suspicious activity
- Utilize security cameras and activate your alarm system when not on premises
- Ensure proper locks on all windows and doors
- Designate specific staff to be responsible for contacting authorities or emergency services
- Conduct a thorough inspection of your property and the surrounding area to address employee and customer safety concerns

### Be prepared to take additional precautionary steps, if necessary:

*\*Please consider these options during times of potential demonstrations and activity, including October 31<sup>st</sup>, November 3<sup>d</sup> and surrounding days as needed\**

- Move company vehicles indoors or to a safe place off of the premises during large demonstrations in your community
- Secure outdoor dining furniture to a permanent structure, or if space permits, move furniture indoors
- Remove any flammable materials or anything that could be used as a projectile from your premises and ensure sprinklers and water supply equipment are operational
- Consider enhanced security measures such as adding/supplementing security personnel, glass-break sensors and motion-sensing lighting
- Consider temporarily altering your business hours in the event of large demonstrations in your community