The HOWCALM® (House of Worship Communitywide Asset and Logistics Management) system is a secure, user-friendly, web-based management tool that identifies and inventories the physical assets, programmatic resources, and skilled volunteers that houses of worship, religious schools, and faith-based service providers can activate and deploy in case of disaster.

We often have little or no control over the cause of a disaster. However, HOWCALM® will empower you to enhance your house of worship’s level of preparedness as well as that of your faith community and its senior leadership. Participation in HOWCALM® will also help your house of worship connect with other faith communities and build relationships to promote the levels of understanding and cooperation needed for concerted, effective humane responses to all types of disaster.

Is your house of worship prepared?

NYDIS invites you to join this growing network of disaster-ready houses of worship! Register your house of worship in HOWCALM®!

REGISTER YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP NOW
Your participation is vital to creating the most prepared and resilient community possible. To register, go to:

www.howcalm.org

Enter the LOGIN and PASSWORD assigned to your house of worship. No LOGIN and PASSWORD?
Contact us: 212.669.6100, Mon - Fri from 9 am to 5 pm

No internet access? Do you not speak English? Arabic, Chinese, English, or Spanish Registration Forms available

We invite you as a Religious Leader to sign up your house of worship in HOWCALM® today!

Join a rapidly growing number of preparedness-minded houses of worship ready to offer a critical service to your members and community.

When your house of worship participates you will:
- Receive a free bi-monthly e-newsletter of disaster resources, trainings, tips, and events
- Be invited to preparedness conferences, trainings, and workshops for religious leaders
- Be better equipped to protect your property, programs, and worship services
- Be able to communicate and coordinate with other faith communities in times of crisis

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NYDIS’S PROGRAMS FOR HOWCALM® USERS:

- **DISASTER CHAPLAINCY & SPIRITUAL CARE WORKER PROGRAM:** This program trains and credentials chaplains and spiritual care workers for deployment by NYDIS. Created for NYDIS member faith communities in collaboration with Episcopal Relief and Development, the training program is open to all faiths. This initiative provides for spiritual and emotional care at disaster sites, mass care facilities, and points of dispensing (POD).

- **EMERGENCY REST CENTERS:** The NYDIS Emergency Rest Center (ERC) program equips volunteers within houses of worship to offer hospitality and safe haven to the public during emergencies or evacuations. They self-activate in partnership with NYDIS and in line with NYC OEM safety guidelines. As a component of the ERC certification process, training taps volunteers’ capacities to welcome people with compassion and calm, ensure safety, take care of basic needs, inform guests about unfolding events or conditions, respect diverse languages and cultures, offer basic emotional and spiritual support, maintain simple records, and communicate with NYDIS during operations.

- **E-NEWSLETTER/E-ALERTS:** E-newsletter with disaster-related news, events, resources, and preparedness tips distributed to more than 4,500 subscribers. An e-Alerts system to electronically broadcast critical updates concerning emergencies in your area.

- **STAR NYC:** The STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) program trains and supports key leaders and caregivers in understanding and responding to trauma in the aftermath of a disaster.

- **TRAININGS & CONFERENCES:** Educational workshops and seminars for clergy and congregations that provide comprehensive instruction on a broad range of topics, such as personal and congregational preparedness, spiritual and mental health care, and backlash mitigation.

Please contact us if you have any questions about these or any of NYDIS’s programs. Please note that while some NYDIS programs are free with the purchase of a HOWCALM® license, others are not.

**HOWCALM® BEYOND THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP**

- **FAITH COMMUNITIES:** HOWCALM® empowers faith communities to enhance their houses of worship, schools, and service providers’ level of preparedness and conduct emergency planning for their community. Participation in HOWCALM® also helps faith community leaders connect with their peers from other religious traditions and build relationships to promote the levels of understanding and cooperation needed for effective responses to all types of disaster.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES:** HOWCALM® helps emergency management agencies to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate, with faith communities and houses of worship to accomplish their mission. By building those relationships, emergency management agencies can ensure that their resources and emergency management expertise are mobilized in ways that leverage the moral authority and cultural competency of local religious leaders.