

# QUICK SAFETY CHECKLIST

## FOR LGBTQ2S+ EVENTS

### SECURITY

Remind people early and often:

- DON'T ENGAGE WITH EXTREMISTS.** It only encourages them, and it gives them justification to play the victim.
- Get permits if needed, and be very clear on the boundaries of your event (public/private space, where protesters are allowed to stand, etc.)
- Position level-headed allies on the perimeter of the event.
- Show up early to claim parking spaces and best positions to block extremists.
- Consider hiring private security if the threat level is significant.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Make police aware of your event and any threats.
- Confirm the boundaries of your event.
- Confirm which officials you should call in case of emergency, what numbers you should use, and who should have that responsibility.

### MEDIA

- Don't be afraid to publicize your event with positive messaging.
- Remove hostile messages on social media after you've taken screenshots.
- Select someone to speak to media.
- Don't repeat slurs like "groomers" and misinformation.
- Ask the media to cover the positive community response more than the threats.
- Share MHRN's media guide on covering extremism.
- Create quotes or statements before the event that you can share quickly.
- Remember that you're not required to give a response.