

Prepare for October 7

There may be efforts to disrupt regular university operations this fall, especially around the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, which killed more than 1,200 Jews. We strongly urge university administrators and campus safety officers to anticipate these disruptions and take prompt preparatory steps to reduce the impact of those that are unlawful and/or violate university policies.

The following specific recommendations are intended, not to suppress lawful protest activity, but instead to address disruptions that target Jewish students and organizations on campus and are unlawful and/or violate university policies. Such disruptions may not only violate local and state laws and/or university policies governing protest activity, but also the civil rights of Jewish and other Zionist-identifying students on campus to participate in campus activities free of harassment, intimidation, verbal assaults, and violence.

1. **Review and, if appropriate, clarify time, place, and manner regulations** applicable to protest activity to ensure that such activity does not impermissibly interfere with or disrupt normal university activities.
2. **Widely disseminate time, place, and manner regulations** so individuals and groups planning protest activity can ensure their behavior and actions align with the university's rules. Set clear expectations for student conduct and specifically detail the consequences of violating these expectations.
3. Protest activity **must not be allowed to target and interfere with the rights of students at known Jewish locations, student groups, or individuals**. This includes campus Jewish facilities such as Hillel and Chabad centers, Jewish Greek life buildings, and other locations where Jews congregate together as a community.
4. Express the direct connection of your university's regulations and expectations to the **basic values of your university**. Students share an important responsibility to maintain a campus atmosphere conducive to civil discourse and a respectful exchange of ideas.
5. **Reach out** directly to individuals and groups that may be planning protest activity to establish a communication channel before and during such protest activity, including student affairs administrators, law enforcement, and other related university departments.
6. **Anticipate and plan for a variety of scenarios** involving potential disruptions and establish lines of responsibility for student affairs, law enforcement, and related university functions in responding to each scenario.
7. **Reach out to local law enforcement** and engage them in scenario planning as appropriate.
8. Many Jewish institutions in the U.S. have increased security at their facilities, and the FBI and local law enforcement agencies are significantly stepping up their vigilance of such locations. Coordinate campus law enforcement with your campus Hillel, Chabad, and Jewish fraternities/sororities to **ensure that the security needs of those facilities are addressed**.