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Subject: Places of Worship and COVID-19

Dear member,

During the period of government restrictions on gatherings of people, places of worship are obviously much less crowded. In a context such as this, the Mutuelle wishes to remind you that it is important to maintain the usual maintenance and surveillance of these places to prevent certain damages that are preventable and foreseeable.

Some Guidelines

The building must not look abandoned or neglected despite the context. This attracts vandals and increases, in particular, the risk of arson. It is therefore important to maintain interior and exterior lighting to show that the building is frequented. A regular visit, several times a week, of the interior and exterior of the building by responsible people familiar with the premises will also help prevent or detect, among other things, break-ins, water damage, damage resulting from broken equipment, broken windows or falling objects. These visits will also help ensure that essential systems are maintained and working properly: heating, electricity/generator, plumbing, air conditioning/ventilation, sump pumps, fire protection, burglar alarm, etc.

We also remind you of the importance of controlling the other activities normally held on the premises by respecting the sanitary instructions in order to avoid aggravating certain risks such as the accumulation of merchandise received for the parish bazaar; the expectations of the people to whom food is usually distributed or to whom meals are served; the cancellation of other social or recreational gatherings, etc. When you or your tenants are still required to receive guests on your premises, it is recommended that you follow the hygienic measures recommended by the health authorities.

Insurance Policy

Please note that your insurance policy will soon be sent to you by e-mail if you have not already received it. If your insurance coordinator is no longer in place, it is important to appoint a new one and notify us using the Appointment of an Insurance Coordinator form. Also make sure to always inform us of your e-mail address changes for you as a member and for your insurance coordinator so that we can communicate with you without difficulty.

Thank you for your usual cooperation,

The Mutuelle



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