

Flash Mob Safety

A flash mob describes a group of people who assemble suddenly in a public place to perform an unusual act, such as a pillow fight or singing a song, and then disperse. Social media is often used to announce a time and place for the mob to meet. Flash mobs, which are illegal in some areas, can become out of control with upwards of hundreds to thousands of people participating. They can be a nuisance to innocent bystanders and area businesses. While a majority of flash mobs are for entertainment purposes, some have been known to be dangerous.

Key Concerns

- Safety of participants and bystanders - Those involved, as well as non-participants, may be injured during the performance.
- Lack of event control - Especially for events in which there is no warning.
- Property and/or assets could be damaged or destroyed.

Protect Yourself

- If you are sent a message to join a flash mob, alert local authorities so they are aware and can