

Production Safety Readiness Checklist

A practical starting point for productions entering prep. Use this checklist to identify what matters before cameras roll — then build a full safety plan with the right people.

Location

- Confirm site access, permits, and property ownership/contact.
- Assess terrain, structural condition, and vacancy history.
- Identify nearest hospital, fire, and police response points.

Talent / Privacy

- Flag high-profile talent or privacy-sensitive participants.
- Confirm NDA and set-visitor restrictions.
- Coordinate discreet arrival, holding, and departure logistics.

Environmental Concerns

- Assess rodent, pest, mold, or hygiene exposure at older/vacant sites.
- Coordinate pest-control or environmental-health partners as needed.
- Brief teams on exposure risks before access.

Remote Access

- Confirm road conditions, drive times, and cell/radio coverage.
- Plan fuel, water, and supply resupply logistics.
- Identify nearest emergency services and transport time.

Vendors

- Confirm safety-relevant vendor credentials and insurance.
- Coordinate schedules with location and safety leads.
- Set expectations for on-site safety compliance.

Documentation

- Maintain a written safety plan and risk memo.
- Log crew briefings and safety acknowledgments.
- Keep incident-reporting templates ready before day one.

Crew

- Confirm crew size, roles, and shift/rest schedules.
- Identify safety leads and points of contact per department.
- Brief crew on location-specific hazards before day one.

Health Concerns

- Identify known illness or infectious-disease considerations.
- Confirm testing or health-vendor coordination, if applicable.
- Establish illness-response and communication protocol.

Heat / Weather

- Review seasonal heat, humidity, and severe-weather risk.
- Plan shade, hydration, and rest-break protocols.
- Set weather-hold and evacuation thresholds.

Medics

- Determine if on-set medic coverage is required.
- Confirm medic certifications and equipment on hand.
- Establish medic escalation path to local facilities.

Emergency Escalation

- Build an escalation map: who is contacted, in what order.
- Distribute emergency contacts to all department heads.
- Confirm nearest hospital routes and drive times.