



Safety and Security Considerations for 2024 Solar Eclipse

The upcoming Solar Eclipse to occur Monday, April 8th, 2024, is expected to bring up to 1.5 million visitors to the State of Arkansas. To help you prepare, SafeHaven Security Group is plugged in with key state officials to keep you informed. Outlined below is information about the event and considerations for you and your business on how to stay protected.

Helpful Links and Resources:

- <http://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/outdoors/skygazing/2024-eclipse>
- <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

What to know about the upcoming event:

- Viewers are expected to be peaceful with no significant disruptions*
- Many communities are planning events such as concerts and food truck festivals.
- All Arkansas State Park lodging facilities near viewing path are “sold out.”
- All U.S. Army Corps of Engineer camping facilities near path will be “full.”
- Most hotels along viewing routes are expected to have “no vacancies.”
- ASP plan to saturate major travel routes along viewing path**



- Cellular providers are not anticipating the communications system being overwhelmed and failing.
- Arkansas Wireless information Network does not expect state managed communications technology to fail.
- Several hospitals near path have contacted ASP for Troopers to provide security.***
- Vendors of portable sanitation systems are reporting no inventory available.
- Of concern and difficult to predict are availability of fuel and weather conditions.

**ASP sought after-action reports from Kentucky and Tennessee state police agencies to review activities and or police actions required during their recent past experiences with Solar Eclipse tourism*

***ASP is canceling Troopers days off, personal leave, and off-duty employment to ensure maximum state police coverage is available*

**** ASP is unable to fulfill such requests as all resources dedicated to agency action plans.*

Concerns

1. Temporary supply chain disruptions/traffic delays.
2. A surge in traffic /people in the main path.
3. Safety for associates.



Suggested action:

1. Communicate preventative measures to associates (safety).
2. Identify events and likely surge areas ahead of time and prepare for the surge / people impact.
3. Coordinate with government partners for info (mainly) and action.
4. Actively monitor leading up to and on the day of event.
5. To avoid traffic congestion and other business disruptions, consider these alternatives during this time -
 - a. If you have vehicles on the road, consider scheduling transportation a day or two before or after.
 - b. Allowing employees to work remotely.
 - c. Scheduling any vendors and deliveries to your properties before or after.
 - d. Should you place temporary signage on your property allowing / disallowing persons to congregate.
 - e. Announce to your Customers if you will be open / closed / or other important information about doing business with you during these days.
 - f. Providing additional trash cans on your property if you believe people will congregate.
 - g. Plan for trash clean-up of your property the day after.
6. Consider WHO Will Manage This Situation
 - a) Clearly identify the one Executive Decision Maker for this situation.
 - b) Identify who will be communicating with employees / customers / tenants / others.
 - c) Identify key stakeholders including vendors and update them on any changes to deliveries, additional supplies you may want to stock up on before the protests, closings, precautions your suppliers should take.
 - d) Facilities Maintenance Leader.
 - e) Key Police and Fire Department Contacts who will provide information to you.
 - f) Customers / Vendors with regularly scheduled visits to your building.
 - g) Put this Command Structure and Contact Information for key people in an email and send to the group including the Security, Police, and Fire Contacts.

Call SafeHaven Security Group in the event you become aware of business disruptions or a concern for the welfare of associates. 1-844-723-3476