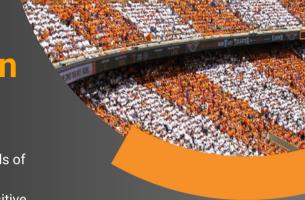


# Optimizing Weapons Detection for Stadiums and Arenas

Stadium security teams face a complex task: efficiently screening thousands of eager fans without compromising on safety. This guide offers strategies to enhance your weapons detection process to ensure both security and a positive fan experience at your venue.



## **Balancing Speed and Security in High-Volume Settings**

Stadiums and arenas require careful planning to manage large crowds effectively. Here's how to refine your approach:

#### **Layout Options:**

- **Multiple entry points:** Distribute weapons detection screening stations across various gates/doors to prevent bottlenecks.
- Dedicated lanes: Create separate lanes for patrons with bags and those without to optimize flow.
- Scalable setup: Design a layout that can expand or contract based on expected attendance.
- Optimized space: Ensure your space promotes traffic flow; optimize secondary screening stations where needed.

#### **Staffing Strategies:**

- Tiered approach: Use a mix of pacers, guides, and divestors to manage different aspects of the security process.
- **Floating staff:** Assign mobile team members to address sudden surges or issues at specific checkpoints as well as have supervisors ready to respond to escalations.
- Cross-training: Ensure staff can perform multiple roles to maintain flexibility during peak times or redeploy to other areas as the ingress slows.

#### **Managing Peak Times:**

- Pre-event communication: Inform patrons about security procedures and recommended arrival times to spread out the influx.
- Timed entry: Consider staggered entry times for different seating sections.
- Dynamic resource allocation: Shift staff and equipment to busier areas during peak periods.

### **Handling Diverse Patron Types:**

- Clear signage: Use visual cues to direct individuals to appropriate lanes based on their items.
- Express lanes: Implement fast-track options for individuals without bags or extra personal belongings.
- ADA compliance: Ensure accessible routes and screening procedures for patrons with disabilities.

This scenario is part of a larger paper on the importance of Concept of Operations in weapons detection solutions. For more insights refer back to the full whitepaper.