

Workplace Training and Management Systems

# **Building Security**



## Security Begins With You

We are faced with increased risks that threaten :

- Employee Safety and Morale
- Guests Safety
- Economic Livelihood



## Building Security – Risk Management



#### **Threat**

A natural or manmade occurrence, individual, entity or action that has or indicates the potential to harm life, information, operations, the environment and or property.

#### Vulnerability

Physical features or operational attributes that render an entity open to exploitation, or susceptible to a given hazard. Vulnerabilities may be associated with physical factors such as human factors, cyber factors, or untrained guards or personnel.

#### **Consequence (Impact)**

The effect of an event, incident, or occurrence.



#### Access & Security Control Threats





#### ID Badges

Many facilities have systems for access control and visitor management deployed throughout the property. These systems grant access to individuals based on their function at the workplace.

Facilities may use ID badges or picture IDs for quick identification of personnel while providing the appropriate level of access control. Many badge types work with proximity readers, allowing individuals to use their badge as a key.

#### **Typical Badge Requirements**

If your workplace uses ID badges or other ID security measures, remember that you should:

- Wear your badge on the outermost garment at all times while in the workplace.
- Never allow "piggybacking"—letting an individual follow you through access doors.
- Never lend or borrow badges when an employee has forgotten his or her badge.
- Never allow visitors to share your badge. Only one person should be cleared through an entry point on a given badge.
- Report a lost badge to the appropriate security personnel, manager, or human resources representative immediately.





Non-employees should wear a visitor's badge and should be escorted at all times.

For more information on the specific security policies for your workplace, please refer to your organization's security officer or management representative.

> If your workplace does not use an ID badge system, follow your appropriate recognition methods (for example, vest, hat, or uniform) and apply the recognition procedures and reporting requirements as established in your workplace.



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#### **Unknown Individuals**

You should challenge unknown or suspiciously behaving people that you encounter within a secured area if they:

- Are not accompanied by someone you recognize.
- Are not wearing appropriate identification.
- Have an appearance that is inconsistent with the workplace dress code.
- Seem lost or are asking for directions to specific areas.

#### **Challenging Unknown Individuals**

If you approach an unknown individual:

- Maintain a safe distance of at least three steps (10 feet) between yourself and the person you are challenging.
- Be persistent in your questioning.
- Do not be easily dismissed. An intruder may give you a brief explanation and just keep on going. (For example: "Sir, may I help you?" "No thanks, I'm fine.")

Note: These standard access security control procedures are based on industry best practices. However, they may not reflect your organization's policy. Please contact your manager or designated security personnel professional for your specific workplace policy on approaching such individuals.



#### **Suspicious Behaviors**

It is important to be alert for the following suspicious behaviors:

- Nervous behavior, evasive attitudes, or undue concern with privacy by guests or visitors.
  Attempts to gain access to restricted areas.
- Individuals taking notes, pictures, or videos of facility.

#### **Reporting Suspicious Behaviors**

- Note the time and place of the incident.
- Report the incident to the appropriate supervisor or security personnel immediately.

When you see someone engaged in suspicious activities such as taking pictures of security cameras or guard posts, you should report it to the appropriate supervisor or security personnel. However, you should never be confrontational or attempt to restrain the person physically





#### **Unusual Events or Suspicious Items**

#### Be alert for:

- Changed or unusual situations around your workplace such as tampered HVAC units, abandoned vehicles, damaged fence line, or missing property.
- Suspicious packages or items, especially: Large amounts of unusual substances (e.g., acetone, peroxide, or drain cleaner).
- Fumes, odors, or liquids coming from the package.
- Disassembled electrical components such as wires, circuit boards, or batteries.
- Plans, drawings, schematics, or maps.

Immediately report the situation to appropriate security or management personnel. Do not go near the area or attempt to open or inspect suspicious items.





**Perimeter Breaches / Suspicious Packages** 

Employees should immediately notify a supervisor or security person of the following:

- A breach in the security perimeter, such as a door that is propped open
- A suspicious package or item

Employees should never approach or attempt to open or inspect suspicious packages.









Employees should:

- Report abandoned vehicles parked on the property or adjacent to the workplace.
- Be on the lookout for private vehicles loading or unloading unusual or suspicious items on or around the property.
- Be alert for familiar vehicles arriving at unusual, unscheduled, or inappropriate times.





- Report observations to security personnel or an appropriate supervisor immediately.
  Observe and, if possible, write down a suspicious vehicle's license plate number and description (make, model, color, body damage, bumper stickers, and accessories).
- Not take any other action except to observe and report the vehicle.
- As a secondary means of reporting, notify local law enforcement.





#### BOMB THREAT BOMB THREAT CHECKLIST PROCEDURES This quick reference checklist is designed to help employees and decision makers of DATE: commercial facilities, schools, etc. respond to a bomb threat in an orderly and controlled manner with the first responders and other stakeholders. TIME CALLER PHONE NUMBER WHERE Most bomb threats are received by phone. Bomb threats are serious until prove HUNG UP: CALL RECEIVED otherwise. Act quickly, but remain calm and obtain information with the checklist o he reverse of this card Ask Caller: If a bomb threat is received by phone Remain calm. Keep the caller on the line for as long as possible. DO NOT HANG • Where is the bomb located? UP, even if the caller does (building, floor, room, etc.) 2. Listen carefully. Be polite and show interest When will it go off? Try to keep the caller talking to learn more information If possible, write a note to a colleague to call the authorities or, as soon as the What does it look like? caller hangs up, immediately notify them yourself. What kind of bomb is it? . If your phone has a display, copy the number and/or letters on the window display 5. Complete the Bomb Threat Checklist immediately. Write down as much detail as What will make it explode you can remember. Try to get exact words. Immediately upon termination of call, DO NOT HANG UP, but from a different Did you place the bomb? Yes No phone, contact authorities immediately with information and await instructions Why? If a bomb threat is received by handwritten note What is your name? Call Handle note as minimally as possible **Exact Words of Threat:** If a bomb threat is received by e-mail Call Do not delete the message Signs of a suspicious package Information About Caller No return address Poorly handwritter · Where is the caller located? (background/level of noise Excessive postage Misspelled words Estimated age Stains Incorrect titles Is voice familiar? If so, who does it sound like? Strange odor Foreign postage Other points Restrictive note Strange sounds Caller's Voic Background Sou hreat Langua Unexpected delivery Female Animal noises Incoherent Male House noises Message read \* Refer to your local bomb threat emergency response plan Accent Kitchen noises Taped message for evacuation criteria Angry Street noises Irrational Booth Profese DO NOT: Clearing thma PA system Well-sonker Conversation Coughing Use two-way radios or cellular phone. Radio signals have the potential to detona Cracking voice Music a bomb. Crving Motor Touch or move a suspicious package. Deep Clear Deep breathing Static Disguised Office machinery Distinct Factory machinery Excited WHO TO CONTACT (Select One) Local Laughte Lisp Long Distance 911 Loud Other Information Follow your local guidelines Nasal Normal Ragged For more information about this form contact the DHS Office Rapid for Bombing Prevention at OBP@dhs.gov Rasp Homeland Slow Slurred 2014 Security Soft

Bomb threat calls should be taken seriously. Use the following procedures:

- Keep calm.
- Keep the caller on the line as long as possible.
- Record every word spoken by the caller on a form such as a bomb threat checklist (sample provided on the following page).
- Obtain as much information as possible about the threat without antagonizing or threatening the caller.
- Pay particular attention to peculiar background noises and to anything that can be gleaned from the caller's voice, such as gender, accent, and speech pattern.
- Report the incident immediately to a security officer, a manager, and/or a supervisor.

Employees should talk to a supervisor or security representative about the organization's bomb threat policy.

Bomb threat checklists are extremely valuable and should be made available at all workstations.





Employees should be alert for threatening or suspicious mail or packages that might contain a bomb or hazardous substance. This includes:

- Letters or packages with suspicious contents such as white powder or photographs of the workplace.
- Letters or packages with oil or grease spots, an inaccurate address, or excessive postage and/or packaging.

Participants who encounter a suspicious mail item or package should:

- Isolate the item. Do not open or handle it.
- If a letter or package contains a suspicious substance, evacuate the area and immediately wash affected body parts (such as hands) with soap and water.
- Contact a manager or security.
- Retain written threats and associated packaging/envelopes unless directed to destroy them by management or security procedures.



#### **Theft & Diversion**

Employees should be aware of **both** potential theft and diversion.

**Theft** is an unlawful or unauthorized acquisition by force or stealth:

- By an insider (member of staff), or
- By an outsider (someone who is not a member of the staff).

**Diversion** is an unlawful or unauthorized acquisition by fraud or deceit.

The type of deception can vary. Diversion may include payment, but there is fraud or deceit involved, such as the improper purchase of items that are restricted.





## Workplace Violence Threats

A current employee, a former employee, or an acquaintance of a current or former employee may have the potential to carry out violent behavior at the workplace.

Intuitive managers and coworkers may notice indicators of potentially violent behavior in an employee.





#### HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that customers and clients are likely to follow the lead of employees and managers during an active shooter situation.

#### 1. Evacuate

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:



- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you are safe



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#### 2. Hide out

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.



#### Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture

#### *If the active shooter is nearby:*

- Lock the door
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager
- Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
- Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
- Remain quiet If evacuation and hiding out are not possible:
- Remain calm
- Dial 911, if possible, to alert police to the active shooter's location
- If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen











#### 3. Take action against the active shooter

As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions



#### **Types of PII**

To safeguard PII or confidential information, employees should:



- Store sensitive information in a designated room or area that has access control measures to prevent unauthorized access by visitors or members of the public (e.g., locked desk drawers, offices, and file cabinets).
- Destroy all sensitive information by the appropriate methods (e.g., burn bag or paper shredder) when it is no longer needed.
- Never email sensitive information to unauthorized individuals.
- Never leave sensitive information on community printers.
- Take precautions to avoid the loss or theft of computer devices and removable storage media.
- Notify an immediate supervisor if a privacy incident has occurred.





Be suspicious of anyone requesting information, especially by phone, Web, or email, and always verify the identity of the person or organization making the request.

• Before entering personal information online, verify that the URL starts with https:// and that you see a closed padlock icon in your browser (often found in the lower right-hand corner of your screen).

• Contact the organization by telephone if there is any doubt as to the authenticity of an email or Web site.

• Contact security if anyone requests your account name or password(s).



• Malicious Code: Malicious code is any software or program designed to disrupt the normal operation of a computer by allowing an unauthorized process to occur or by granting unauthorized access. Often, the term "virus" is used to refer to all types of malicious code, but malicious code comes in many forms, including:



o Viruses o Worms o Trojan horses o Adware o Spyware

• Information Gathering: Terrorists and other criminals use cyber tools as part of their information-gathering and espionage activities.

• Identity Theft: Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.



Employees should never give their user names or passwords to anyone and should create a strong password that:

- Includes a minimum of eight characters with a combination of: o Alpha characters in both uppercase and lowercase; o Numbers; and
  - o Special characters (- ! @ # \$ % ^ & \* (){ } [ ] | + \ < > ? /)
    or alternate alpha characters.
- Does not consist solely of a dictionary word in any language, proper noun, name of person/child, pet, or fictional character.
- Does not use information that a hacker could easily obtain or guess about you, such as a Social Security number, address, birth date, or telephone number.





## DHS launched the "If You See Something, Say Something™"

## (http://www.dhs.gov/files/reportincidents/see-something-say-something.shtm)

campaign as part of the national Suspicious Activity Reporting initiative. The campaign is a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism, crime, and other threats and emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper transportation and law enforcement authorities.

#### The campaign emphasizes that everyone should:

- Be vigilant.
- Take notice of surroundings.
- Report suspicious items or activities to local authorities immediately.

**Note:** The "If You See Something, Say Something<sup>™</sup>" campaign was originally used by New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which licensed the use of the trademarked slogan to DHS to help with antiterrorism and anticrime efforts.





Actions taken at the workplace will be dependent upon circumstances. However, all employees can contribute to workplace security by:

- Identifying threats and vulnerabilities that affect workplace security.
- Avoiding complacency.
- Observing with all senses.
- Being aware of unusual events and activities.
- Noticing unusual or suspicious behavior.
- Knowing whom to call if something is not right.
- Getting assistance—NOT attempting to handle a potential situation alone.

#### Remember, security is everyone's job. Take it seriously.



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