

Soft Target Security: threat and risk assessment, bomb threats, and active shooters course

Soft targets include shopping centres, hospitals, schools, hotels, mail centres, chemical facilities, places of worship, transportation systems, banking and finance facilities, venues with large audiences, commercial and government facilities, emergency services, and critical infrastructure.

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Course description

This is a 1-day course for attendees to receive a knowledge of Threat and Risk Assessment (TRA), bomb threats, and active shooter planning and mitigation. A TRA is essential to planning and preparation for responding to threat situations. A TRA may help prove due diligence.

Two specific workplace violence scenarios are reviewed: bomb threats and active shooters. The basics of prevention and response to the two scenarios are discussed. Security staff and managers may need to respond before first responders arrive – to protect the people who work and visit the facility.

“Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared to both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.” (US DHS)

Target audience

Soft target property/facility managers, supervisors, senior security staff, management with responsibility for developing policy and procedures against threats, personnel involved in responding to a threat

Course Outline

TRA – terminology (threat, risk, vulnerability assessments), basics of TRA, determination of risk, threat agents, attack scenarios, vulnerability assessment

Security – rings of security, physical security, recognizing suspicious activity and surveillance, facility planning to mitigate threats

Bomb Threats – recognition of explosives, motives, reactive procedures when a threat is received or a suspicious package found, evacuation, search, taking the telephone threat

Active Shooter – six phases of an incident, responsibilities, how to respond, strategies for survival

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