



# Violence Prevention

Resources for Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial, and  
Private Sector Homeland Security Partners

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Dear Homeland Security Partners:

The Department of Homeland Security's mission is *with honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values*. This requires and depends on close collaboration with our federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners.

This guide provides an overview of available DHS resources supporting violence prevention for our partners in the field, as well as grant and funding opportunities. We hope this guide assists in your efforts to keep our communities safe, secure, and resilient.

Given the evolving threat landscape, we must continue to work together to safeguard the Nation and be vigilant in our efforts to identify and prevent incidents of terrorism and targeted violence within the broader community. The Department will continue to support and collaborate with our partners to reduce this multifaceted threat.

Sincerely,

US Department of Homeland Security

## **Violence Prevention Resources for Homeland Security Partners**

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### **DHS RESOURCES**

#### ***Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)***

CP3 provides technical, financial, and educational assistance to empower local efforts to prevent individuals from radicalizing to violence and intervene with individuals who may be on the path toward believing that violence is the only solution. Specific initiatives supporting state and local prevention stakeholders include:

- **Financial Assistance:** CP3 oversees the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program ([TVTP Grant Program](#)) that invests in the establishment, enhancement, or expansion of local prevention frameworks, specific prevention programs previously implemented, and for projects that approach the broader goal of targeted violence and terrorism prevention in new or untested ways. The TVTP grant program awards funds on a competitive basis to state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, non-profits, and institutions of higher education.
- **Technical Assistance:**
  - CP3's Field Operations staff provides technical assistance to the whole of society in order to establish and expand local prevention frameworks that reduce the risks of targeted violence and terrorism. They provide services such as convening and engaging stakeholders on local violence prevention solutions, increasing awareness of targeted violence and prevention efforts through information sharing, training and exercises, and instituting intervention mechanisms to stop someone who is on the pathway to violence.
  - CP3 has digital forums on prevention that highlight the ways technology can bolster protective factors and build resilience to harmful content in the online space, convene community leaders and companies to generate discussion about a topic of relevance to a sector, and increase information sharing among prevention stakeholders.
- **Educational Assistance:** CP3 coordinates, updates, and expands educational efforts addressing local prevention frameworks. CP3 offers the Community Awareness Briefing (CAB), a two-hour training that covers the public health approach to violence prevention, the radicalization to violence process, and resources that are available for prevention. CP3 is developing a fully integrated curriculum to support the requirements of state, local, tribal, and territorial partners who are establishing local prevention frameworks.

**Contact:** To request a CAB for your organization or community, please e-mail CP3 at [cabbriefingrequests@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:cabbriefingrequests@hq.dhs.gov). For all other inquiries, please contact [TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov).

**Website:** For more information, please visit: <https://www.dhs.gov/CP3>.

#### ***Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)***

CISA provides the public and private sectors with access to a multitude of capabilities that support risk mitigation capacity-building efforts. Through trainings, exercises, and best practice resources that focus on prevalent attack methods (e.g., active shooter, vehicle ramming, bombing) and evolving threats (e.g., unmanned aircraft systems), the Agency enhances the understanding of potential operational impacts resulting from a successful attack and suggests corresponding protective measures. Given the disproportional threats toward, and incidents against, public gathering locations, schools, and houses of worship, these segments of society are particularly emphasized in addition to efforts associated with the critical infrastructure community.

- Through [cisa.gov/securing-public-gatherings](https://cisa.gov/securing-public-gatherings), stakeholders can access a catalogue, organized by audience type and topic area, containing resources that inform cost-effective decision-making that support risk mitigation efforts geared toward venues generally open to the public.
- The [cisa.gov/school-safety-and-security](https://cisa.gov/school-safety-and-security) webpage offers an entry point for DHS documents, resources, and tools related to school safety and security.
- The [cisa.gov/houses-worship](https://cisa.gov/houses-worship) webpage is designed to guide houses of worship through building improved security and safety protocols for their specific organization's congregants and facilities.

In addition, CISA maintains a cadre of subject matter experts who facilitate local field activities in coordination with other interagency partners. Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) proactively engage with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial government partners and members of the private sector to protect infrastructure. They accomplish this by conducting security assessments and providing access to security resources, training, and information including those listed above. They can also help connect community leaders, law enforcement officials, and other organizational representatives to collectively identify ways to reduce risk to infrastructure.

**Contact:** To inquire about your local PSA, e-mail [Central@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:Central@cisa.dhs.gov).

**Website:** [cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors](https://cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors)

### ***Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Resources***

Administered by CISA's School Safety Task Force (SSTF), the <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/about> is an interagency collaboration among the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, and Justice that reflects a whole-of-government approach to the issue of school safety and serves as an ongoing and coordinated effort to assess, recommend, and develop best practices to keep schools safe from the range of threats and hazards they face. The Clearinghouse curates and disseminates resources, guidance, and tools for school communities through [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov). This website is a one-stop access point to information on topics like targeted violence, emergency planning, physical security, threat assessment and reporting, infectious diseases and public health, cybersecurity, and mental health. Specific features and tools include:

- **State Search Tool:** School communities can use the [State Information Sharing Tool](#) to access state-specific resources, guidance, and contacts in their area.
- **School Safety Events and Opportunities:** SchoolSafety.gov provides a [calendar of events](#) for webinars, training sessions, grant opportunities, and conferences for school safety personnel, administrators, educators, and parents.
- **Safety Readiness Tool:** The [Safety Readiness Tool](#) assists users in evaluating their school's safety posture across 10 foundational elements and provides a tailored Action Plan that outlines next steps and aligned resources and grant opportunities.
- **Webinar Series:** The Clearinghouse hosts a monthly webinar series that addresses emerging school safety risks and threats and provides information on related federal government resources, tools, and best practices.

The CISA SSTF also develops and deploys capacity-building training and tools to support and enhance school safety and security efforts. Resources are specifically designed to assist schools in strengthening their protection and mitigation capabilities against the range of targeted violence and crime-related threats they might face. Resources include:

- **K-12 School Security Guide (3rd Edition):** The 3rd edition of the *DHS K-12 School Security Guide* and *School Survey* provide schools with a comprehensive doctrine and systems-based methodology for vulnerability assessment, planning, and implementation of layered security elements. The guide and survey (a web-based assessment tool) are accompanied by a series of trainings to support the use of both products.
- **Exercise Starter Kits:** The SSTF distributes Exercise Starter Kits to support schools in reviewing and evaluating their plans, policies, and procedures in emergency scenarios. These self-conducted tabletop exercises are tailored for the academic community and include a set of scalable tools

aimed to test existing emergency protocols while also strengthening preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities.

**Contact:** Please send inquiries to [SchoolSafety@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:SchoolSafety@hq.dhs.gov).

**Website:** For more information and for available resources, please visit: <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/>.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), National Training and Education Division (NTED) serves the nation's first responder community. FEMA provides first responders with free, high-quality training that enhances their skills for preventing, protecting, responding to, and recovering from manmade and natural catastrophic events. FEMA:

- Offers more than 200 free courses to help responders build critical skills
- Serves state, local, and tribal entities in more than 18 professional disciplines
- Offers multiple course delivery methods: mobile, residential, and web-based course examples that include:
  - AWR-122-2: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts
  - PER-353: Active Shooter Incident Management With Complex Incidents
  - PER-374-1: Active Threats on Campuses: Protective Measures and Response, Train-the-Trainer
  - MGT-414: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection
  - MGT-458: Building Whole Community Engagement through Local Emergency Planning Committees

**Contact:** For more information and resources, please contact [firstrespondertraining@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firstrespondertraining@fema.dhs.gov).

**Website:** <https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/>

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Center for Domestic Preparedness**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) provides free, advanced, all-hazards training to approximately 50,000 emergency responders annually from state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments, as well as the federal government, foreign governments, and private entities, as appropriate. The scope of training includes preparedness, protection, and response. The CDP:

- Offers more than 50 free courses to help responders build capabilities and capacity
- Trains SLTT responders in 17 different response disciplines
- Offers training in multiple modalities, including residential, mobile, synchronous and asynchronous, virtual, instructor led, and distance learning platforms. Examples of training include:
  - PER-200: Field Force Operations
  - PER-202: Field Force Extrication Tactics
  - PER-262: Intermediate Hands-On Training for CBRNE Incidents
  - PER-264: Law Enforcement Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents
  - PER-264-1: Law Enforcement Protective Measures for CBRNE Incidents, Train-the-Trainer
  - PER-265: Law Enforcement Response Actions for CBRNE Incidents

**Contact:** For more information on Center for Domestic Preparedness training, please call (866)-213-9553.

**Website:** <https://cdp.dhs.gov>

### **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) - Terrorism Prevention Presenter Training Program (TPPTP)**

The TPPTP is designed to prepare federal, state, local, tribal, territorial (F/SLTT), and campus law enforcement personnel to deliver law enforcement briefings to fellow officers on foundational terrorism prevention.

Location: Glynco, GA

Duration: 3 days

**Contact:** For further information on training availability, please contact FLETC at (912) 267-3025.

**Website:** <https://www.fletp.gov/training-program/terrorism-prevention-presenter-training-program>

### **Office of Intelligence & Analysis, National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Program**

The NTER Program advances DHS partners' ability to identify, evaluate, and report tips and leads related to potential homeland security threats. The NTER Program provides resources and training to DHS F/SLTT partners to help identify and prevent terrorism and targeted violence through the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) and behavioral threat assessment techniques.

- **Behavioral Threat Assessment Integration:** Building on the NSI, NTER has developed a Master Trainer Program (MTP)—a train-the-trainer initiative that provides F/SLTT homeland security partners with a national framework for applying behavioral threat assessment approaches to the review of tips and leads to assist in preventing targeted violence, regardless of ideology. Once certified, Master Trainers can use NTER-provided materials and training to teach behavioral threat assessment approaches to individuals in their areas of responsibility to enhance the safety and security of their communities.

**Contact:** For more information and resources on the Master Trainer Program, please e-mail [NTER.MTP@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NTER.MTP@hq.dhs.gov).

**Website:** For additional information, please visit: [www.dhs.gov/national-threat-evaluation-and-reporting-program](http://www.dhs.gov/national-threat-evaluation-and-reporting-program).

- **Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI)**  
The NSI is a multiparty collaborative effort by DHS; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus law enforcement partners. This initiative provides law enforcement with another tool to help prevent terrorism and criminal activity by establishing a national capacity for gathering, documenting, processing, analyzing, and sharing SAR information. The NSI is a standardized process—including stakeholder outreach, privacy protections, training, and technology assistance—for identifying and reporting suspicious activity in jurisdictions across the country and serves as the unified process for sharing SAR information. The NTER Program provides technical assistance on SAR processes via one-on-one meetings with stakeholders. In addition, DHS offers a multitude of online training modules for homeland security partners to assist in identifying and reporting suspicious activity. Find the SAR Fundamentals and Processes e-Learning course here: <https://learn.dhs.gov/sar>.

**Contact:** For more information and resources on the NSI, please e-mail [NTER@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NTER@hq.dhs.gov).

**Website:** For more information and to access training on the SAR initiative, please visit: <https://www.dhs.gov/nsi>.

### **US Secret Service (USSS) – National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC)**

The USSS NTAC is congressionally authorized by the *Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000* to conduct research, training, and consultation on threat assessment and the prevention of targeted violence. NTAC is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of social science researchers and regional program managers who support and empower our partners in law enforcement, schools, government, and other public and private sector organizations to combat the ever-evolving threat of targeted violence impacting communities across the United States. We encourage law enforcement stakeholders to utilize NTAC's free resources, which include:

- **Research and Guidance:** NTAC publishes operationally relevant research examining all forms of targeted violence and produces guides for establishing proactive, targeted violence prevention programs. All NTAC publications are available on the [NTAC website](#), including:
  - *Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools* (March 2021): This report examined 67 plots to attack K-12 schools that were averted from 2006-2018.
  - *Mass Attacks in Public Spaces – 2019* (August 2020): This report, the third in an annual series, examined 34 attacks that were carried out in public spaces in 2019, during which three or more persons were harmed.

- *Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence* (November 2019): This report examined 41 attacks perpetrated by current or recently former students at K-12 schools from 2008-2017.
- *Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence* (July 2018): This guide provides actionable steps for schools to develop targeted violence prevention programs.
- **Training:** NTAC staff provide training on threat assessment and the prevention of targeted violence, by request, to a variety of public safety professionals. NTAC trainings include a presentation of NTAC's research, relevant case examples, and an overview of the Secret Service threat assessment model for targeted violence prevention. NTAC training events are geared toward each audience and are often delivered to state and local law enforcement, schools, universities, workplaces, and other agencies and organizations with public safety responsibilities. Trainings may be delivered virtually or in-person and are routinely scheduled for two to four hours.
- **Consultation:** NTAC is authorized to provide consultation on the development of threat assessment policies and protocols, as well as on complex threat assessment cases.
  - NTAC policy consultations are provided by NTAC staff and are intended to assist organizations and agencies in developing their own violence prevention programs that are consistent with NTAC's research and the USSS' investigative approach to preventing targeted violence.
  - NTAC threat case consultations are reserved for complex, non-imminent situations involving organizations working to assess and manage the risk of violence posed by an individual of concern in their community. NTAC staff support the organization's threat assessment by offering insight into the individual's behaviors of concern, avenues for inquiry and information gathering to guide the assessment process, and management strategies to reduce the risk of violence and increase positive outcomes.

**Contact:** To access NTAC resources or support, contact your regional NTAC Domestic Security Strategist (DSS) at [NTAC-DSS@uss.s.dhs.gov](mailto:NTAC-DSS@uss.s.dhs.gov).

**Website:** <https://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac>