Department of Homeland Security
Office for Bombing Prevention

Sports and Entertainment Venues
Bombing Prevention Solutions Portfolio

Ready, Set, Start!
Introduction

▶ The Current Threat Environment

- Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are homemade bombs and explosive devices often made from common, readily available materials
- Explosive devices remain the weapon of choice for terrorists, and IEDs, such as pipe bombs, pressure cookers, and backpacks or bottles filled with volatile materials, are most commonly encountered
- In recent years, there has been a shift towards “lone wolf” attacks based on guidance from extremist group propaganda
- Facilities such as hotels, entertainment and sporting venues, retailers, and hospitals are seen as attractive or “soft” targets for attacks since they are easily accessible and have high concentrations of people
- The ability to recognize the items and behaviors associated with IED threats and take appropriate action in the face of a threat can prevent incidents, minimize chaos, and lessen loss of life

▶ What is this Portfolio?

- The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) developed this comprehensive toolkit of counter-IED safety and awareness resources
- This digital resource can be used by sports and entertainment venue professionals to engage their workforce and enhance their counter-IED readiness

▶ Who is it for?

- This guide is designed for use by venue owners, operators, and security managers
- Venue leadership can use this toolkit to access materials and trainings that are suitable for all employees, including vendors, facilities staff, ushers, and security personnel

▶ How can it be used?

- Find tools, trainings, and resources that can assist your venue
- Provide all employees with relevant tools, trainings, and resources to ensure that everyone understands the role they can play in security, and is empowered to take action
- Use this as an opportunity to start or guide a bomb threat planning discussion with leadership and security teams
- Brief your employees on relevant materials and information during roll-call or regular staff meetings
- Include relevant materials and trainings in your organization’s security plans, and make sure leadership is aware of guidance being given to employees
Guidance for Users

► Tips for Optimal Viewing

- Allow the document to open in “Full Screen Mode”

- Use the left arrow and right arrow buttons to move back and forth between pages

- Use the home button to return to the main menu from any page

- Click on any blue button to access more information on a product, training, or resource

- Click on any underlined links to reach out to a relevant point of contact with questions or for more information

This toolkit is periodically updated as new and revised products become available.

Check in with the OBP team to make sure you have the most up to date version
This toolkit is divided into six sections, each providing a different type of resource. Click on any button below to jump to the corresponding section and learn more.

- Security and Resiliency Guide
- Virtual Instructor-Led Training
- Independent Study Training
- In-Person Training Courses
- Job Aids
- Training and Awareness Videos
The Office for Bombing Prevention offers the Security and Resiliency Guide: Counter-IED Concepts, Common Goals, and Available Assistance (SRG C-IED) to assist security and operations managers to plan and implement C-IED activities within their overall public safety and emergency management approach.

Click on one of the buttons below to access the SRG C-IED or Annex for Sports Leagues and Venues Stakeholders.

Additional information can be found on the OBP Security and Resiliency Guide page.
Virtual Instructor-Led Training

The Office for Bombing Prevention offers a mix of Virtual Instructor-Led Training courses (VILTs) covering a variety of safety and security related topics. These courses are available to all U.S. citizens. Please follow the below steps to find and register for a course.

1. A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Student Identification (SID) is required to register for all courses. Click here to complete the one-time Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Student Identification (SID) number registration process.

2. Find the course and date you would like to sign up for here.

- Response to Suspicious Behaviors and Items
- Introduction to the Terrorist Attack Cycle
- Homemade Explosives and Precursors
- Protective Measures
- IED Construction and Classification
- IED Explosive Effects Mitigation Awareness
Independent Study Trainings

The Office for Bombing Prevention offers several online, self-paced, Independent Study Trainings (IST) covering safety and security related topics. These courses are available to all U.S. citizens.

1. Courses delivered through the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) Learning Portal require a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Student Identification (SID). Click here to complete the one-time FEMA SID registration process.

2. Select the course you would like to take below.

- Homemade Explosive and Precursor Chemical Awareness
  - CDP Learning Portal

- IED Awareness and Safety Procedures
  - CDP Learning Portal

- Bomb Threat Preparedness and Response
  - CDP Learning Portal

- Surveillance Awareness: What You Can Do
  - FEMA Learning Portal
The Office for Bombing Prevention can provide a limited number of live instructor-led training courses. To request counter-IED in-person training, please contact your local Protective Security Advisor (PSA) or email OBP.

Click on one of the buttons below to learn more about each of the courses:

- IED Search Procedures
- Vehicle Borne IED (VBIED) Detection
- Surveillance Detection for Law Enforcement and Security Professionals
- Protective Measures
- Bomb Threat Management Planning
- Bombing Prevention Awareness Course (BPAC)
The Office for Bombing Prevention offers a number of printable safety and security job aids that can serve a variety of your stadium and entertainment venue staff needs.

Click on one of the buttons below to download job aids:

- Bomb Threat Guidance Pamphlet
- Bomb Threat Checklist
- Bomb Threat Standoff Card
- Suspicious Activity Poster
- Bombing Prevention Lanyard Cards
- Bag Search Procedures Guide

Additional materials can be found on TRIPwire under “Readiness and Preparedness”
Training and Awareness Videos

The Office for Bombing Prevention offers easy-to-use training videos that can be accessed at anytime to train new staff or reinforce existing training.

Click on the button below to watch and learn more about videos

- Bomb Threat Training Video
- Check It! - Bag Check Video