PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING

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Protective Security Advisors

- **Plan, coordinate, and conduct security surveys and assessments** – PSAs conduct voluntary, non-regulatory security surveys and assessments on critical infrastructure assets and facilities within their respective regions

- **Plan and conduct outreach activities** – PSAs conduct outreach activities with critical infrastructure owners and operators, community groups, and faith-based organizations in support of CISA priorities

Protective Security Advisors

- **Support National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and Special Event Activity Rating (SEAR) events** – PSAs support Federal, State, and local officials responsible for planning, leading, and coordinating NSSE and SEAR events

- **Respond to incidents** – PSAs plan for and, when directed, deploy to Unified Area Command Groups, Joint Operations Centers, Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Response Coordination Centers, and/or State and local Emergency Operations Centers in response to natural or man-made incidents

Protective Security Advisors

- **Coordinate and support improvised explosive device awareness and risk mitigation training** – PSAs work in conjunction with CISA's Office for Bombing Prevention by coordinating training and materials to SLTT partners to assist them in deterring, detecting, preventing, protecting against, and responding to improvised explosive device threats

Infrastructure Survey Tool

- The Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) is a web-based vulnerability survey tool that applies weighted scores to identify infrastructure vulnerabilities and trends across sectors

- Facilitates the consistent collection of security information

  - Physical Security
  - Security Force
  - Security Management

  - Information Sharing
  - Protective Measures
  - Dependencies

IST Data Categories

- Facility Information
- Contacts
- Facility Overview
- Information Sharing*
- Protective Measures Assessment*
- Criticality*
- Security Management Profile*
- Security Areas/Assets

- Physical Security*
  - Building Envelope
  - Vehicle Access Control
  - Parking
  - Site's Security Force
  - Intrusion Detection System (IDS)/Close Circuit Television (CCTV)
  - Access Control
  - Security Lighting

- Additional DHS Products and Services
- Criticality Appendix
- Images
- Security Force*
- Cyber Vulnerability
- Dependencies*

Comparative analysis provided

SAFE Tool

- The Security Assessment at First Entry (SAFE) tool is designed to assess the current security posture and identify options for facility owners and operators to mitigate relevant threats

- The SAFE tool is suited for all facilities, including smaller ones such as rural county fairgrounds, houses of worship with only weekend services and few members, and small health clinics

Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places – Resource Guide

- A catalog of available CISA resources most relevant for soft targets and crowded places
  - High-level overview of CISA resources and programs
  - User-friendly launching point to websites, resources, and programs for more detailed information

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places–Resource Guide

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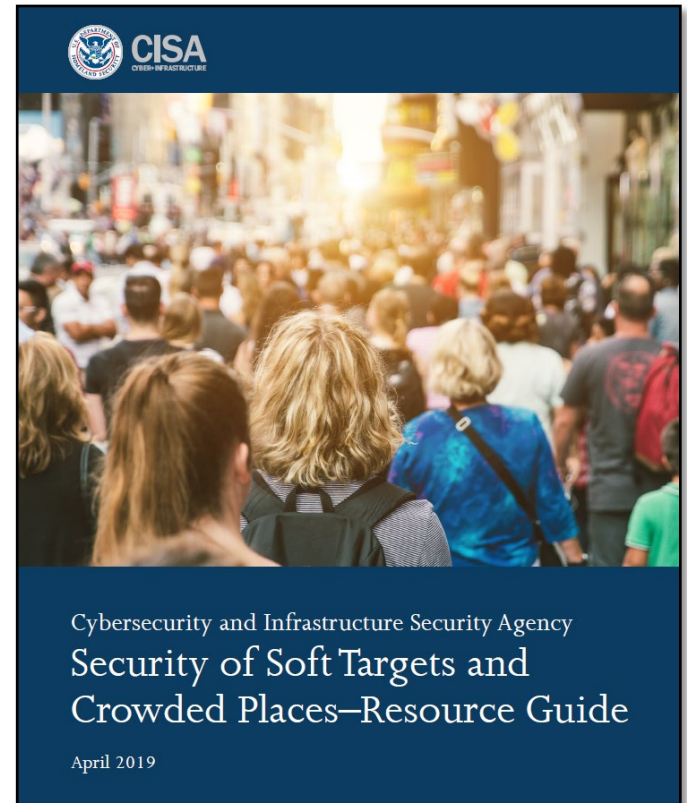
Homeland Security

Active Shooter Preparedness
Security Awareness for Soft Targets and Crowded Places

- Active Shooter Preparedness materials available from CISA include:

  - "How to Respond" resource materials

  - Preparedness videos and training links

  - Emergency action planning tools and templates

- https://www.cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness

Federal School Safety Clearinghouse

- Developed to fulfill a key recommendation from the Federal Commission on School Safety.

- Interagency effort between the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Education, Justice, and Health & Human Services:

  - CISA leads the Clearinghouse administrative and management efforts on behalf of DHS and its interagency partners.

- The Clearinghouse aims to help schools prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergency situations.

- SchoolSafety.gov is the public-facing website for the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse.

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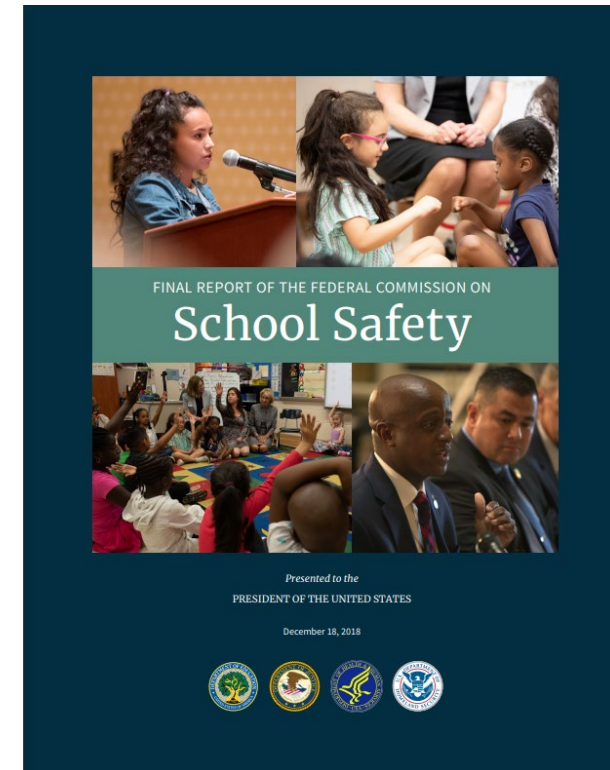
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Cybersecurity Resources

- Cybersecurity Advisor Program

- Cybersecurity Assessments

- Response Assistance

Cybersecurity Advisor Program

- Cybersecurity Advisors (CSA) offer assistance to help prepare and protect private sector entities and governments from cybersecurity threats

  - **Assess:** Evaluate critical infrastructure cyber risk

  - **Promote:** Encourage best practices and risk mitigation strategies

  - **Build:** Initiate, develop capacity, and support cyber communities-of-interest and working groups

  - **Educate:** Inform and raise awareness

  - **Listen:** Collect stakeholder requirements

  - **Coordinate:** Bring together incident support and lessons learned

Cybersecurity Assessments

- Cyber Resilience Review (Strategic)

- External Dependencies Management (Strategic)

- Cyber Infrastructure Survey (Strategic)

- Cybersecurity Evaluations Tool Strategic (Standards)

- Phishing Campaign Assessment (EVERYONE)

- Validated Architecture Design Review (Technical)

- Vulnerability Scanning / Hygiene (Technical)

- Remote Penetration Test (Technical)

- Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (Technical)

STRATEGIC
(C-Suite Level)

TECHNICAL
(Network Administrator Level)
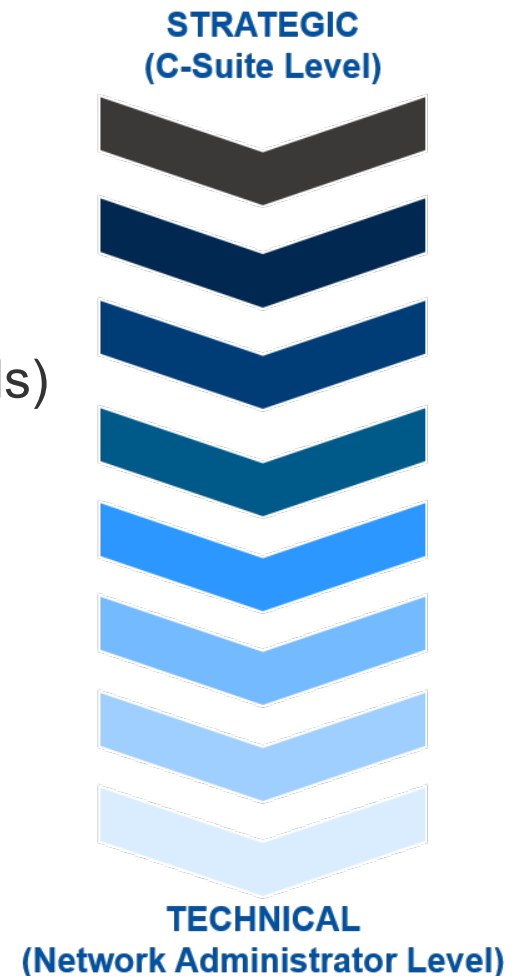
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