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BusinessSafe Highlight: Government Facilities Sector

Criminal Activity

The Government Facilities Sector is comprised of a diverse set of assets including buildings and facilities owned by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, special-use military installations, embassies, and courthouses. The sector also includes both the Education Facilities Subsector, the National Monuments and Icons Subsector, and the Election Infrastructure Subsector.

Government facilities may be attractive targets for criminal activity due to the sensitive functions carried out at some of these locations and the symbolic nature of these facilities.

1. **Cyberthreats:** Cyberattacks may threaten the security of the sensitive information often housed in government facilities' networks. Educational facilities and local governments offices have been increasingly targeted in recent years by malicious cyber actors. Cyber threats like phishing attacks and ransomware continue to impact this sector causing disruptions in services and operations.

[Defending Local Government Agencies From Rising Threat Of Ransomware
Over 500 US schools were hit by ransomware in 2019](#)

2. **Trespassing:** Government facilities may face security challenges due to the varied degree of public access at facilities throughout the sector. Trespassing remains a concern particularly for facilities that may contain sensitive information, equipment, and processes. Individuals trespassing at government facilities jeopardize the security of these sensitive assets and the individuals protecting them.

[Three Chinese Nationals Sentenced for Taking Photos at NAS Key West](#)

Targeted Violence and Terrorism Activity

Government facilities may be targeted for violence due to the symbolic and high-profile nature of some of these facilities as well as the sensitive functions they perform. Some government facilities may face challenges in fully securing these facilities due to the need to balance security with the need for public access.

1. **Active Shooters:** Government facilities continue to be targeted by active shooters. Although many government buildings maintain security measures to prevent weapons from entering facilities, challenges remain.

[Feds connect al-Qaida contacts to deadly Pensacola Naval Air Station shooting
12 Killed in Rampage at Municipal Center in Virginia](#)



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- 2. Explosive Device Attacks:** Malicious actors continue to use explosive devices to target government facilities that cause disruption and harm. Improvised explosive devices may be constructed and concealed in a variety of means that may make them difficult to detect.

[The Oklahoma City Bombing: 25 Years Later](#)
[Small Bomb Detonated Near U.S. Embassy In Beijing](#)

Resources

The Federal Virtual Training Environment provides free online cybersecurity training courses open to the public.

[Federal Virtual Training Environment Public Courses](#)

The Department of Homeland Security provides guidance on recognizing and responding to an improvised explosive device incident.

[IED Attack Fact Sheet](#)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation provides videos, fact sheets, and other resources for responding to active shooter incidents.

[Active Shooter Resources](#)

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