

Commercial Real Estate Council Links

[American Fire Sprinkler Association](#) (AFSA) is a non-profit, international association representing open shop fire sprinkler contractors, dedicated to the educational advancement of its members and promotion of the use of automatic fire sprinkler systems. Provides the open shop fire sprinkler contractor with training, consulting, communication, and representation.

[American Society of Safety Engineers](#) (ASSE) is the oldest and largest professional safety organization. Its more than 30,000 members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government and education.

[Associated General Contractors of America](#) (AGC) is an organization of qualified construction contractors and industry related companies dedicated to skill, integrity, and responsibility. AGC is dedicated to improving the construction industry daily by educating the industry to employ the finest skills, promoting use of the latest technology and advocating building the best quality projects for owners--public and private. AGC is committed to three tenets of industry advancement and opportunity: Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility.

[Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials](#) (APCO) is the world's oldest and largest not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the enhancement of public safety communications.

[Building Owners and Managers Association](#) (BOMA) has a mission to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. Website has section on Security and Emergency Preparedness.

[Construction Specifications Institutes](#) (CSI) is a national professional association that provides technical information and products, continuing education, professional conferences, and product shows to enhance communication among all the nonresidential building design and construction industry's disciplines and meet the industry's need for a common system of organizing and presenting construction documents.

[Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat](#) was established to facilitate professional exchanges among those involved in all aspects of the planning, design, construction and operation of tall buildings and the urban habitat. Its primary goal is to promote better urban environments by maximizing the international interaction of professionals, and by making the latest knowledge available to its members and to the public at large in useful form.

[Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Shopping Centres](#) (PDF) provides protective security advice to those who own, operate, manage or work in shopping centres. It aids centres that are seeking to reduce the risk of a terrorist attack and limit the damage an attack might cause.

[Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Bars, Pubs and Nightclubs](#) (PDF) provides protective security advice to those who own, operate, manage or work in bars, pubs and nightclubs. It aids centres that are seeking to reduce the risk of a terrorist attack and limit the damage an attack might cause.

[Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Stadia and Arenas](#) (PDF) is intended to give protective security advice to those who are responsible for stadium and arena security, irrespective of size and capacity and is not specific to any particular sports or event. It is aimed at those stadia and arenas that are seeking to reduce the risk of a terrorist attack, or limit the damage an attack might cause.

[FacilitiesNet](#) is a comprehensive, interactive web site for facilities professionals. Thousands of facility decision-makers worldwide visit FacilitiesNet each month. Offers very in-depth information on facility management. There are over 10,000 pages of content and it is still growing. FacilitiesNet is an encyclopedia of information for facilities decision-makers. Includes links to three magazines – Building Operating Management, Maintenance Solutions, and Facility Service Decisions. Also contains a bookstore, buyers' guide, and research into all aspects of facility management.

[International Association of Arson Investigators](#) (IAAI) is a worldwide organization of fire investigators, fire service/law enforcement professionals and other related disciplines dedicated to the promotion of professional standards in fire investigation, fire safety, public education and awareness of fire-related issues, and the suppression of arson.

[International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) (IAFC) is a network of more than 12,000 chief fire and emergency officers. Their members are the world's leading experts in fire fighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search & rescue, and public safety legislation. Their mission is to provide leadership to career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency service organizations throughout the international community through vision, information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

[International CPTED Association](#) (ICA) is committed to creating safer environments and improving the quality of life through the use of CPTED principles and strategies. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) focuses on the social territoriality of an area. Its basic premise is that the proper design and effective use of the physical environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, thereby improving the quality of life.

[International Facility Management Association](#) (IFMA) is the largest professional association for facility management. Globally, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the largest facility management-related conference and exposition.

[National Association of Home Builders](#) (NAHB) exists to represent the building industry by serving its members and affiliated state and local builders associations. NAHB concentrates on the following goals: balanced national legislative, regulatory, and judicial public policy; public appreciation for the importance of housing and those who provide it; being the premier resource for industry information, education, research, and technical expertise; and, improved business performance of its members and affiliates. NAHB strives to create an environment in which: all Americans have access to the housing of their choice and the opportunity to realize the American dream of homeownership; builders have the freedom to operate as entrepreneurs in an open and competitive environment; and, housing and those who provide it are recognized as the strength of the nation.

[National Fire Prevention Week](#) is a website dedicated to National Fire Prevention Week. Contains information on the history of fire prevention, and the Great Chicago Fire, which led up to starting National Fire Prevention Week. Promotes fire safety and education, exit drills in the home, and gives fire safety tips. Also gives fire prevention lesson plans to teach fire prevention to children of all ages.

[National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) is an international nonprofit association with the mission to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

[National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health](#) (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness. NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Department of Health and Human Services.

[National Safety Council](#) (NSC) is a nonprofit, non-governmental, international public service organization dedicated to protecting life and promoting health. The NSC's mission is to educate, protect, and influence society to adopt safety practices that prevent and mitigate human suffering and economic losses at work, in our homes and communities and on our roads and highways.

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) is a government agency whose mission is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.

[Protecting Against Terrorism](#) (PDF) gives general protective advice from MI5's National Security Advice Centre (NSAC). It is aimed at businesses and organizations seeking to reduce the risk of a terrorist attack, or to limit the damage terrorism might cause.

[Protecting Building Occupants from Biological Threats](#) Website from the [Center for Biosecurity of UPMC](#) that includes useful information about biological threats to building occupants, practical steps for reducing risk, and costs and benefits of risk reduction measures, along with a wealth of related materials and additional resources.

[Safe Spaces: Designing for Security and Civic Values](#) is a forum presented by the American Society of Landscape Architects. The forum occurred on July 25-27, 2004. The theme was that security design should protect the public in a manner that preserves the integrity of our buildings, public spaces, and communities while demonstrating the values of an open and accessible society. Showed how the leading experts in the field were meeting this difficult challenge. Explored the latest practices, tools, techniques, and building materials for establishing effective, transparent security design. Plenary and concurrent sessions focused on threat assessment, public process, planning and design, technology, materials, methods, and historic preservation. This website contains information from that forum that is still useful today.

[SafePlace Corporation](#) is the global provider of safety accreditation of lodging, health care, academic institutions, assisted living communities, commercial buildings, and any location or community where the safety of people is a concern. SafePlace Accreditation provides an independent source of credible information regarding the relative safety of one facility over

others, providing the public with the information necessary to make an informed purchase decision.

[U.S. Fire Administration](#) (USFA) is an entity of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. USFA serves the Nation independently, in coordination with other Federal agencies, and in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities. With a commitment to excellence, they provide public education, training, technology and data initiatives.

e-Publications:

[Building Operating Management Magazine](#) is the renovation, construction and facilities management magazine for building owners. Comprehensive coverage of construction alternatives from renovation/retrofit and expansion to new construction.

[DoD Minimum Anti-Terrorism Standards for Buildings: Unified Facilities Criteria: Dept. of Defense](#) (pdf)

[Facilities Standards for Public Buildings](#)

[FEMA Risk Management Series](#)

[Guidance for Protecting Building Environments from Airborne Chemical, Biological, or Radiological Attacks \(NIOSH\)](#)

[A Guide to Emergency Evacuation Procedures For Employees With Disabilities](#) (pdf)

[A Guide to Strengthen Emergency Management of High-Rise and High-Risk Buildings \(Ontario Fire Marshal\)](#)

[Risk Management Guidance for Health and Safety](#) (pdf)

[Strategic National Guidance: The Decontamination of Buildings and Infrastructure Exposed to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear \(CBRN\) Substances or Material: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: UK](#)

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