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[Alarm Industry Research and Education Foundation \(AIREF\)](#) is a tax-exempt foundation representing the electronic, life safety, security and systems industry and their associations, under the auspices of the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA). AIREF serves as the research arm of the electronic life safety, security and systems industry engaged in initiatives critical to public safety, consumers and the alarm industry. Through research and education AIREF will provide the resources and statistics that public safety officials can use to better understand and utilize our industry in their effort to protect and serve the community.

[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.

[Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \(CTBUH\)](#) 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 and Key Control.

[Door and Hardware Institute \(DHI\)](#) is a professional organization that serves the North American marketplace as the advocate and primary resource for information, professional development and certification resource for the architectural openings industry with a focus on the channels of distribution. The purpose of DHI is to provide its members with the skills and competencies to compete successfully in the advancement of the safety and security of the built environment.

[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 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 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. The NFPA produces several Standards for the Building security, namely NFPA 730, Guide for Premises Security and NFPA 731, Standard for the Installation of Electronic Premises Security Systems.



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

[Whole Building Design Guide \(WBDG\)](#) is the only web-based portal providing government and industry practitioners with one-stop access to up-to-date information on a wide range of building-related guidance, criteria and technology from a 'whole buildings' perspective. Currently organized into three major categories—Design Guidance, Project Management and Operations & Maintenance—at the heart of the WBDG are Resource Pages, reductive summaries on particular topics. Participating Agencies include:

1. [Department of Defense \(DOD\) - Unified Facilities Criteria Program](#)

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the military services have initiated a program to unify all technical criteria and standards pertaining to planning, design, construction, and operation and maintenance of real property facilities. The objective of the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) program is to streamline the military criteria system by eliminating duplication of information, increasing reliance on private-sector standards, and creating a more efficient criteria development and publishing process. Both technical publications and guide specifications are part of the UFC program. Previously, each service had its own publishing system resulting in criteria being disseminated in different formats. [UFC documents](#) have a uniform format and are identified by a number such as UFC 1-300-1.

- [Unified Facilities Guide Specifications \(UFGS\)](#)
- [Unified Facilities Criteria \(UFC\) Technical Publications](#)
- [Unified Facilities Spreadsheets](#)

2. [General Services Administration \(GSA\)](#)

The overall mission of the General Services Administration (GSA) is to provide policy leadership and expertly managed spaces, supplies, services, and solutions, at the best value, to enable federal employees to accomplish their missions. We are the largest public real estate organization in United States, maintaining more than 350 million square feet of workspace for more than a million federal employees in over 1,600 American communities, comprising 40 percent of federal office space. Applicable Security Standards and References

- PBS-P100, Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, March 2005
- Presidential Directives - Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) – A policy requiring an inter-operable identification standard for federal employees and contractors.
- International CIIP Handbook 2008/2009 - An Inventory of twenty-five (25) National and seven (7) International Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Policies
- Federal Standards / Specifications on Cabinets, Safes, Locks and Vault Doors - Technical descriptions and test standards developed to describe the essential physical characteristics and performance required for GSA contracts



- Classified National Security Information Directive No. 1 - Guidance to agencies on original and derivative classification, downgrading, declassification, and safeguarding of classified national security information.

3. [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#)

The Risk Management Series (RMS) is a FEMA series directed at providing design guidance for mitigating multi-hazard events. The series includes a large cadre of man-made disaster publications directed at strengthening the building inventory to reduce the potential impact from the forces that might be anticipated in a terrorist assault. The objective of the series is to reduce physical damage to structural and nonstructural components of buildings and related infrastructure, and to reduce resultant casualties from impact by conventional bombs, chemical, biological, and radiological (CBR) agents; earthquakes; floods; and high winds. The underlying issue is that by improving mitigation and security of high occupancy buildings, we will be better positioned to protect the nation from potential threats and hazards. The intended audience includes architects and engineers working for private institutions, building owners/ operators/ managers, and state and local government officials working in the building sciences community.

- [FEMA 426](#) - Reference Manual to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings
- [FEMA 427](#) - Primer for Design of Commercial Buildings to Mitigate Terrorist Attacks
- [FEMA 428](#) - Primer to Design Safe School Projects in Case of Terrorist Attacks
- [FEMA 429](#) - Insurance, Finance, and Regulation Primer for Terrorism Risk Management in Buildings
- [FEMA 430](#) - Site and Urban Design for Security: Guidance Against Potential Terrorist Attacks
- [FEMA 452](#) - A How-To Guide to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks Against Buildings
- [FEMA 453](#) - Safe Rooms and Shelters: Protecting People Against Terrorist Attacks
- [FEMA 455](#) - Handbook for Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings to Evaluate Terrorism Risks
- [FEMA 459](#) - Incremental Protection for Existing Commercial Buildings from Terrorist Attack: Providing Protection to People and Buildings

Several of the FEMA Risk series publications are undergoing major rewrites and will be issued under the DHS throughout the 2011-2013.