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## OVERVIEW

This book offers security guidance to those managing security and life safety in the commercial high-rise sector. First, it provides theoretical information for those with overall responsibility for implementing a comprehensive security management plan. It offers definitions and guidelines for security, life safety, and data gathering. Consultants, engineers, senior security managers, and others with responsibility for the coordination of security responses will, it is hoped, find that section useful. Next the book outlines practical issues, describing security measures to consider when reviewing a building's physical security plan or lack thereof. It also addresses specific high-rise security management strategies and systems of alert levels.

The last two chapters present model strategies. The first involves safeguarding a building against biochemical agents. The second addresses crime mapping.

The book does not provide specifics on such security fundamentals as locking hardware required on doors or the brightness of lighting required over entrances. The reader is advised to consult other sources for such detailed information.

The basis of this document is a risk-based security management model. It is proposed as one possible model for the commercial high-rise sector. It allows for decisions to be made based on both quantitative and qualitative decisions. Certainly, individual companies should assess their own security needs and implement the security measures they consider appropriate. This document is not intended to replace the measures adopted by individual companies or to comment on the effectiveness of individual building management efforts. Local, provincial or state, and federal laws, standards, and regulations should be reviewed with respect to particular circumstances.

It takes years to develop a comprehensive security management plan. The multiple components developed in a series of overlapping practices, procedures, and responses will be developed over time. It is important to recognize and accept this and not to be discouraged.

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