



Resource Guide for Academic and Youth-Serving Communities

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) developed this comprehensive list of resources across the federal government to equip academic institutions, NGO stakeholders, community members, and organizations serving youth communities with the necessary tools and information to enhance their security posture and ensure the safety and resilience of their operations.

Resources in this Guide:



Cybersecurity Resources

Guidelines and best practices for safeguarding technology and information from threats.



Grant Opportunities

Information and resources for grants and funding opportunities aimed at enhancing security needs and capabilities.



Joint Federal Initiatives

Resources from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice (DOJ), and others tailored to specific needs.



Physical Security Resources

Guidelines and best practices for safeguarding physical premises from threats.



Targeted Violence Resources

Resources and tools tailored to prevent targeted violence and exploitation threats.

Maximizing these resources

- 1. Prepare**
Learn how to recognize suspicious activity indicators, develop security plans, and respond to threats.
- 2. Coordinate**
These resources encourage stakeholders to connect with local first responders and officials dedicated to strengthening community security.
- 3. Drive Action**
These resources empower stakeholders to take action to enhance their personal, organizational, and community physical and cyber security posture.

Key Contacts

For further information please reach out to the following DHS points of contact:

- **Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Engagement** at NGOengagement@hq.dhs.gov
- **The Office for Civil Rights Civil Liberties (CRCL)** at crcl@dhs.gov
- **The Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE)** at OSLLE@hq.dhs.gov
- **Academic Engagement** at DHSAcademic@hq.dhs.gov
- **Office of Public Affairs (OPA)** at mediainquiry@hq.dhs.gov



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✓ Academic and School Safety Resources

- [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov): Comprehensive resource providing actionable recommendations, tools, and guidance to help schools create safe and supportive learning environments.
- FBI [Foreign Malign Influence and Higher Education](#): Serves to inform institutions of higher education on the threats, tactics, and terminology associated with foreign malign influence.
- [First Amendment Activity at Academic Institutions](#): Resource to help institution leadership during First Amendment-protected activities.
- [Gender-Based Violence Student Toolkit](#): Resources to identify and combat gender-based violence specifically tailored for international students.
- [Invent2Prevent](#): DHS program empowering high school and college students to design solutions to prevent targeted violence and terrorism.
- [K-12 Anonymized Threat Response Guidance](#): Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) toolkit for K-12 schools to address anonymous threats and work with law enforcement partners.
- [K-12 School Security Guide Product Suite](#): CISA resource helping K-12 schools improve physical security and conduct vulnerability assessments.
- [Navigating Conflicts: A Guide for Campus Leaders and Public Safety Personnel](#): A framework, supported by practical ideas and tools, for dealing with campus conflict.
- US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center [Improving School Safety Through Bystander Reporting](#): Provides strategies to strengthen reporting in the K-12 environment.

✓ Cybersecurity Resources

- [Cyber Guidance for Small Businesses](#): Resources and action plans specifically tailored for small businesses.
- [Cyber Volunteer Programs by Region](#): Find cybersecurity support by unpaid volunteers and students in your area.
- [Cybersecurity Resources for High-Risk Communities](#): Resources intended to help communities at a heightened risk of being targeted by cyber threat actors because of their identity or work.
- [Project UpSkill](#): Free how-to guides and resources for individuals, organizations, and communities to enhance digital protection.
- [Resources for Individuals on the Threat of Doxing](#): Guidance on protecting personal information and steps to prevent unauthorized publication of private or identifying details.
- Additional cybersecurity topics may be found at [cisa.gov](https://www.cisa.gov)



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✓ Finding Local Resources

- Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) [Regional Prevention Coordinators](#)
- [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Regional Support](#): Includes Protective Security Advisors, Cyber Security Advisors, Emergency Communications Coordinators, Election Security Advisors, and Chemical Security Inspectors.
- [Federal Bureau of Investigations Field Offices](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Regional Contacts](#)
- [Homeland Security Investigations Field Offices](#)
- [State Administrative Agency](#) Contacts: State representative for the grant process.
- State and major urban area [Fusion Centers](#): Provides information sharing and analysis.

✓ Grant Resources

- [FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#): Provides funding for physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist attacks.
- [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program CP3](#): Provides funding for initiatives to prevent targeted violence and terrorism by enhancing community capabilities.
- [Grants.gov](#): Find information on grants and resources for applying.

✓ Physical Security Resources

- [Active Shooter Preparedness](#): Products, videos, and tools to prepare for, respond to, and recover from active shooter incidents. [Translated](#) resources.
- [Active Shooter Preparedness: Access and Functional Needs – What You Should Know](#): This video provides insights into developing an active shooter preparedness plan for individuals with access and functional needs.
- [CISA Tabletop Exercise Packages](#): Tools for stakeholders to conduct exercises on a wide range of threat scenarios.
- [Conflict Prevention Resources](#): Includes the [Power of Hello](#), [De-Escalation Series](#), Insider Threat Mitigation, and the Pathway to Violence to empower and educate individuals to identify, react, and report suspicious behavior. Available in many [languages](#).
- [“If You See Something, Say Something®”](#): DHS campaign effort to encourage public vigilance and reporting of suspicious activities. [Campaign materials](#) tailored for every state.
- [Office for Bombing Prevention \(OBP\)](#): Provides essential resources and guidance to enhance physical security measures and protect against bombing threats.



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✓ Physical Security Resources (cont.)

- [Patron Protection Resources](#): Security recommendations for businesses during public demonstrations, outdoor eating, and holiday shopping.
- [Preventing Workplace Violence: Security Awareness Considerations Infographic](#): Provides actionable recommendations and resources intended to prevent and mitigate workplace violence by cultivating a culture of awareness and support in the workplace.
- [Resources for Swatting and Hoax Threats](#): Guidance and tools to address and mitigate swatting and hoax threats, where false reports are made to provoke emergency responses.
- [Securing Public Gatherings](#): This site includes the [Mass Gathering Security Planning Tool](#), and [Personal Security Considerations Action Guide](#).
- [Security Planning Workbook](#): This resource is a fillable PDF to assist with the development of a foundational security plan.
- See CISA's [Physical Security](#) resources for additional products, tools, and videos including vehicle ramming mitigation and the Be Air Aware™ program.

✓ Preventing Targeted Violence and Exploitation Resources

- [Blue Campaign](#): DHS campaign to combat human trafficking through public awareness and education.
- [Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#): CP3 seeks a resilient America where communities are united to help end targeted violence and terrorism by working with the whole of society to establish and expand local prevention frameworks.
- [Prevention Resource Finder](#): For tools to prepare for and prevent acts of targeted violence.
- [Combating Gender-Based Violence](#): Definitions and resources for recognizing and combatting gender-based violence.
- [Know2Protect](#): DHS initiative focused on preventing online child sexual exploitation & abuse.
- [FBI Transnational Repression Resources](#): Information and support for individuals who are intimidated, silenced, coerced, harassed, or harmed by foreign governments within the United States.
- [Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties](#): Resources and support for securing civil rights and civil liberties from the Department of Homeland Security.
- [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's \(ICE\) Victims Engagement and Services Line \(VESL\)](#): Comprehensive and inclusive support system for all victims, regardless of immigration status or the immigration status of the perpetrator.



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- SchoolSafety.gov: schoolsafety.gov
- FBI Foreign Malign Influence and Higher Education: fbi.gov/file-repository/foreign-malign-influence-and-higher-education-101824.pdf/view
- Federal Campus Safety Research: dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/24_0930_ope_campus-safety-resource-guide.pdf
- First Amendment Activity at Academic Institutions: dhs.gov/publication/first-amendment-activity-academic-institutions
- Gender-Based Violence Student Toolkit: dhs.gov/gbv-student-toolkit
- Invent2Prevent: dhs.gov/invent2prevent
- K-12 Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/k-12-anonymized-threat-response-guidance
- K-12 School Security Guide Product Suite: cisa.gov/k-12-school-security-guide-product-suite
- DOJ Navigating Conflicts: A Guide for Campus Leaders and Public Safety Personnel: justice.gov/crs/news/navigating-campus-conflicts
- USSS NTAC Improving School Safety Through Bystander Reporting: secretservice.gov/newsroom/reports/threat-assessments/schoolcampus-attacks/details-1

✓ Cybersecurity Resources

- Cyber Guidance for Small Businesses: cisa.gov/cyber-guidance-small-businesses
- Cyber Volunteer Programs by Region: cisa.gov/audiences/high-risk-communities/cybervolunteerresourcecenter
- Cybersecurity Resources for High-Risk Communities: cisa.gov/audiences/high-risk-communities/cybersecurity-resources-high-risk-communities
- Healthcare and Public Health Cybersecurity: cisa.gov/topics/cybersecurity-best-practices/healthcare
- Project UpSkill: cisa.gov/audiences/high-risk-communities/projectupskill
- Resources for Individuals on the Threat of Doxing: dhs.gov/publication/resources-individuals-threat-doxing
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- Federal Bureau of Investigations Field Offices: fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/
- Homeland Security Investigations Field Offices: dhs.gov/hsi/contact/sac-offices
- State Administrative Agency Contacts: fema.gov/grants/preparedness/about/state-administrative-agency-contacts
- State and major urban area Fusion Centers: dhs.gov/fusion-center-locations-and-contact-information

✓ Grant Resources

- FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program: fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security
- Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program: dhs.gov/tvtpgrants
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- Active Shooter Preparedness: Access and Functional Needs – What You Should Know: youtube.com/watch?v=bzsGCgxp1iE
- CISA Tabletop Exercise Packages: cisa.gov/resources-tools/services/cisa-tabletop-exercise-packages
- Conflict Prevention: cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/conflict-prevention; Power of Hello: cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/conflict-prevention/power-hello; De-Escalation Series: cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/de-escalation-series; Translated Resources: cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/conflict-prevention/power-hello/translated-resources
- If You See Something, Say Something: dhs.gov/see-something-say-something; Campaign Materials: dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/campaign-materials-your-stateterritory
- Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP): cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/bombing-prevention
- Patron Protection Resources: cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/patron-protection-resources



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- Resources for Swatting and Hoax Threats: [dhs.gov/publication/resources-swatting-and-hoax-threats](https://www.dhs.gov/publication/resources-swatting-and-hoax-threats)
- Securing Public Gatherings: [cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/securing-public-gatherings](https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/securing-public-gatherings); Mass Gathering Security Planning Tool: [cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/mass-gathering-security-planning-tool](https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/mass-gathering-security-planning-tool); Personal Security Considerations Action Guide: [cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/personal-security-considerations-action-guide](https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/personal-security-considerations-action-guide)
- Security Planning Workbook: [cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/security-planning-workbook](https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/security-planning-workbook)
- Additional CISA Physical Security Resources: [cisa.gov/topics/physical-security](https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security)

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- Blue Campaign: [dhs.gov/blue-campaign](https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign)
- Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3): [dhs.gov/CP3](https://www.dhs.gov/CP3)
- Prevention Resource Finder: [dhs.gov/prevention](https://www.dhs.gov/prevention)
- Combating Gender-Based Violence: [dhs.gov/combating-gender-based-violence](https://www.dhs.gov/combating-gender-based-violence)
- Know2Protect: [dhs.gov/know2protect](https://www.dhs.gov/know2protect)
- Transnational Repression Resources: [fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/transnational-repression](https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/counterintelligence/transnational-repression)
- DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties: [dhs.gov/office-civil-rights-and-civil-liberties](https://www.dhs.gov/office-civil-rights-and-civil-liberties)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Victims Engagement and Services Line (VESL): [ice.gov/vesl](https://www.ice.gov/vesl)