

Threat Assessment and Management *Notable Practices Across the World*

Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network

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- Research Goal
- Methodology
- Terminology
- Analysis
- Notable practices





Identify prevalent **methodologies** and **structures** worldwide and document **notable practices** in threat assessment and management.





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Methodology



Terminology

Threat Assessment

A systematic, fact-based method of investigation and examination, blending the collection and analysis of multiple sources of information with published research and practitioner experience and focusing on an individual or group's patterns of thinking and behavior to determine whether, and to what extent, a person of concern is moving toward an attack.

Meloy and O'Toole, 2011; The Institute for Economics and Peace, 2022



Terminology

Threat Management

Threat management involves activities to continuously evaluate, manage, and mitigate the risk of harmful actions after an individual or group of concern has been identified. This process requires a coordinated plan of direct and/or indirect interventions which, based on current information regarding the level of concern posed, is designed to reduce the likelihood of violence in a given situation at a particular point in time.

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Analysis

Demographics • Program Structures • Methodologies and Tools



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Respondent Program Role



Decision Maker

Program Manager

Analyst

Other

Multiple Positions

Responder

Operator





Respondent Background



Academic

- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Military
- Public Health
- Multiple Positions

Other



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Respondent Threat Assessment Role



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Consultant Manager Investigator Member Coordinator Other



Multiple Positions

Threat Assessment Team Size



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Threat Assessment Team Composition



Academic

- Community Group
- Corrections
- Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Public Health
- Military
- Social Services
- Other



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24-Hour Staffing



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Average Threats Reported Per Year



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Average Cases Investigated and Assessed Per Year



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Average Investigation and Assessment of a Potential Threat



Within 24 Hours

Within 5 Business Days

Within 10 Business Days

Within 15 Business Days

Unknown

Other





Average Management Plan Development and Implementation



Within 5 Business Days

Within 10 Business Days

Within 15 Business Days

Within 1 Month

Unknown

Other





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Threat Assessment Frameworks



Extremism Risk Guidelines (ERG 22+)

- Multi-Level Guideline (MLG)
- Social-Ecological Model
- Terrorist Radicalization Assessment Protocol-18 (TRAP-18)
- Violent Extremist Risk Assessment 2 Revised (VERA-2R)
- None
- Unknown





Established or Mandated by Legislation





Referrals: Intake Method



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Referrals: Sources



- Academic
- Community Groups
- Corrections
- Emergency Management
- General Public
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Military
- Public Health
- Social Services
- Other



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Prevention Strategies



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Measuring Effectiveness



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Findings and Conclusions

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01 Multidisciplinary Team



Consider risk factors, situations, environments, and contexts when evaluating threat level

Holistic View

Adopt a language that clearly and simply describes the goals of your program, minimizes fear and bias, and educates the public on how to utilize its services





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Implement a coordinated plan, continuous monitoring, and implementation of direct or indirect interventions

04 Threat Management



Protect sensitive information such as identities, and physical and behavioral health information

> 5 Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties

Combine primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention strategies to create a series of safety nets and points of intervention before violence occurs





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Collect metrics of how mitigation techniques and methods are impacting a situation versus a comparison of before and after a case

07 Data



Share information for a holistic view of the subject of concern and what resources and services they may require

8 Share Information

Socialize threat assessment efforts and empower community members to uplift those in need





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