

Terrorism risk management is a new and evolving field with inputs from a diverse range of disciplines and organizations. This chapter introduces several key documents and resources for further exploration in the field.

This chapter introduces reference information related to terrorist threat in commercial buildings. It describes information included in the appendices to this primer.

Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002

Appendix A presents the full text of the TRIA as signed into law on November 26, 2002.

TRIA is the basis for the current Federal program to provide re-insurance cover for claims resulting from defined categories of terrorism-caused damage. The full text of the law provides the key definitions and detailed conditions of the program.

Building Vulnerability Assessment Screening

Appendix B provides a tool for the comprehensive assessment of terrorism vulnerability in buildings, including both qualitative and quantitative measures. This screening tool contains a list of vulnerability questions that provide the basis for systematic due diligence related to both physical and operational vulnerability assessment.

The vulnerability questions presented in Appendix B correspond to those in the Building Vulnerability Assessment Checklist provided in FEMA 426. The FEMA 426 checklist includes further guidance and commentary related to the application of each question to assessments of building and building system vulnerability.

Each question included in the Appendix B list is identified by type (either rapid estimation or detailed assessment), required methods of data collection, and common terrorist tactics (methods of delivery, and primary threat mechanisms). The appendix master list of questions can be re-sorted to create specialized lists of questions focused on a single parameter or multiple parameters.

The final five appendices are republished directly from reference materials in FEMA 426.

General Glossary

Appendix C presents a general glossary of terrorism risk and building security related terms in common use within federal agencies and the research community.

This glossary is intended to provide help in understanding the more specialized literature of the field and to assist in communication with specialized security consultants. The glossary includes terms related to physical security and to the organization and management of building security.

Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Glossary

Appendix D presents separate glossaries of chemical terms, biological terms, and radiological terms in common use within federal agencies and research communities.

The specialized terminology of chemical, biological and radiological threats is new to many otherwise experienced in building security and condition assessment. This specialized glossary is intended to provide help in understanding CBR issues and in communicating with specialized consultants.

Acronyms

Appendix E lists acronyms for government and private sector agencies as well as technical terms frequently used in the building security field.

The list is intended to facilitate use of background federal documents and to help in communication with public authorities concerned with various aspects of homeland security..

Associations and Organizations

Appendix F provides a listing of associations and organizations which are active in various aspects of homeland security.

Many of these organizations produce materials on the subject of terrorism risk management. These references may be of value for building owners and tenants in search of further information or

guidance. URLs are provided to access organizational homepages.

Bibliography

Appendix G is a bibliography of publications on a range of topics related to terrorism vulnerability and risk management in buildings.

These publications have been prepared by government agencies, trade associations, professional societies, and other technical information providers. These publications provide access to the currently available expertise on terrorism risk management.

