



NJOHSP

INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION RESOURCE SHEET

BANKING INSTITUTIONS

The Banking and Finance Sector is a high-value and symbolic target for terrorists because of its significance to the world economy. Protecting banking institutions is essential to maintain New Jersey's economy and public confidence.

Security Concerns Common to Banking

Institutions Include:

- Open public access
- Limited and outdated Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- Lobby windows and doors lack ballistic-resistant materials
- Limited standoff and perimeter protection, such as fencing and physical barriers
- Poor lighting conditions

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activity:

- Individuals wearing bulky clothing that may be used to conceal weapons or explosives
- Suspicious or illegally parked vehicles near the facility
- Unattended packages such as backpacks that could contain explosives
- Individuals wearing unauthorized credentials or located in authorized areas without official credentials

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Surveillance

Include:

- Individuals loitering or unattended vehicles in the same area over multiple days with no reasonable explanation
- Employees being questioned about facility operations, access control, and security measures
- Unfamiliar employees, contract workers, or unannounced maintenance activities in the vicinity
- Photography or videography focused on security features—including cameras, security personnel, gates, and barriers

Protective Measures:

Access Control

Control points of entry and access to restricted areas by:

- Limiting the number of public entrances
- Conducting regular security patrols of the facility to identify unauthorized personnel, tampering, or forced entry
- Incorporating security awareness and response procedures into employee training
- Locking all unoccupied rooms to limit access, in accordance with local fire codes
- Ensuring exterior doors or inner lobby doors are not propped open

Closed Circuit Television

Install, maintain and actively monitor CCTV in locations including:

- Security sensitive locations such as Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and night drops
- Exterior and interior of the building
- Main entrances and lobbies
- Parking lots and decks
- Corridors and stairways
- Building approaches for vehicles and pedestrians
- Other areas not readily visible

Ballistic-Resistant Materials

- Install ballistic-resistant material in ground level and first floor windows.

Perimeter Protection

- Install fences or other physical barriers, as well as outside lighting, lockable gates, and intrusion detectors.
- Install bollards or other protective measures that serve as obstacles for vehicles attempting to target pedestrians or building infrastructure.

Incident Response

Alert law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1

Connect.

Visit njohsp.gov to connect with NJOHSP, find resources available, and maintain awareness of threat information.

Prepare.

Visit njohsp.gov/resources to learn about planning resources for your organization.

Train.

Visit njohsp.gov/programs to learn about training and exercises for your organization.

Report.

Dial 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ or e-mail tips@njohsp.gov to report suspicious activity in New Jersey.

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