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Site Risk/Threat Assessment Ranking Template

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Understanding the nature and scope of security-related risk is a basic expectation of a corporate security program and those engaged in asset protection. The risk assessment process provides for a critical evaluation of mitigation programs.

The template that follows was designed to assist security leaders in ranking risk and mitigation priorities, which is one fundamental part of a comprehensive risk management strategy.

Site Risk/Threat Assessment Ranking Process Example

Company X Corporate Security Site Risk & Opportunities Assessment					
	Site Location: Date of Review:	Level of Concern Based on This Gap Analysis: Score: 1 = Low 5 = High	Priority Setting: Where We Should Be [for discussion with Site Security]	Operational & Financial Implications:	Reviewers:
	County YYYY UCR Crime Rate: Violent Crime xxx:100k pop., Property Crime xxx:100k				Challenges & Opportunities
	Risk Indicator or Protection Standard				
1	Risk Assessment- Security maintains an on-going process of risk assessment to drive security planning and resource management	3			No process or prior documentation
2	Gaps in security measures are obvious and allow easy access to the site and internal operations	4			Risky access management practices
3	External Threats- There is a presence of known external groups targeting site operations or individuals	2			No high risk but kids trespassing & parking lot break-ins
4	Information Protection- Proprietary information is affirmatively protected against projected risks across all forms & throughout its life cycle.	4			Absence of controls around hi-value proprietary processes
5	Business Contingency Planning (BCP)- Tested plans & back-up resources are sufficient to provide for assurance of critical process resumption within plan thresholds.	4			Informal plan for natural events but not documented and tested plans
6	Acts of sabotage or labor disruption could have severe impact on continuity of business operations	3			Not considered

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This example includes a sampling of 6 out of 27 evaluative factors for consideration by a review team. Note that the ranking process only works when the reviewers are totally honest about their findings. The template includes a column for notes on alternative strategies and cost, and a space to engage site management on risk exposure and risk acceptance after the ranking is complete.

Site Risk/Threat Assessment Ranking Process Example Explanation

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	Site Location: Date of Review:	Level of Concern Based on This Gap Analysis: Score: 1 = Low 5 = High	Priority Setting: Where We Should Be [for discussion with Site Security]	Operational & Financial Implications:	Risk Indicators: Property Value: Challenges & Opportunities
	County YYYY UCR Crime Rate: Violent Crime xxx:100k pop., Property Crime xxx:100k				
	Risk Indicator or Protection Standard				
1	Risk Assessment- Security maintains an on-going process of risk assessment to drive security planning and resource management	3			No process or prior documentation
	measures are obvious and allow... and internal operations	4			Risky access management practices
	There is a presence of known targeting site operations or individuals	2			No risk but kids trespassing & park break-ins
	Protection- Proprietary information is immediately protected against projected risk across all forms & throughout its life cycle.	4			Use for summary notes on consensus approach to mitigation or ID best practices
5	Business & back-up assurance threshold				tested plans
6	Acts of severe in				Not considered

Statements that represent key risks to the organization or characterize a measurably effective security program

Team uses local knowledge base to rank their level of concern for the statement

After completion of ranking process, use this column to engage local management on risk exposure & level of risk acceptance

Use for notes on alternative approaches & costs

Use for summary notes on consensus approach to mitigation or ID best practices

Note inputs for UCR or CAPRisk Data & Site Property Value

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Ultimately the risk assessment process is about aligning Security with the needs of the organization.

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