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Risk from Vehicle-Ramming Attack

The frequency of vehicle-ramming incidents is increasing because of the ease of vehicle acquisition and use, the success of past attacks, and the promotion of vehicle-ramming tactics by foreign terrorist organizations. A review of vehicle-ramming attacks in the West over the last 10 years shows increases in the use of this tactic and resulting casualties.

Challenges

Vehicle-ramming attacks are unsophisticated, can be executed with minimal training and planning, and are difficult to detect prior to an attack. Additionally, events that draw large groups of people are typically scheduled and announced in advance—identifying potentially attractive vehicle-ramming targets.



Portable anti-vehicle barriers

Risk Mitigation Measures

- ***Place barriers at open access points.*** Identify access points at locations vulnerable to vehicle attack and install permanent or portable barriers to prevent vehicle access at high speeds. As a temporary measure, reinforce locations vulnerable to forced vehicle entry with substantial barricades such as large trucks or buses.
- ***Maintain security presence at entrances and along site perimeter.*** Ensure security personnel are present at strategic locations to identify potential threats, specifically at all entrances and mass gathering locations.
- ***Establish vehicle-screening points for access to events or facilities.*** Event organizers and facility owners and operators should consider requiring all vehicles to use a gated entrance controlled by security personnel. All drivers requesting event or facility access should be screened.
- ***Educate staff and visitors on how to recognize and report suspicious activity.*** Develop an awareness campaign on indicators of suspicious behavior and train facility staff on indicators and reporting procedures. NJOHSP can provide [See Something, Say Something](#) materials for display at event locations.
- ***Share information on upcoming events.*** NJOHSP compiles a statewide list of special events that is distributed to all law enforcement agencies to provide situational awareness and assist in local planning requirements. For more information, please visit www.njohsp.gov/specialevents or contact outreach@njohsp.gov.