



# SECURITY ASSESSMENT AT FIRST ENTRY



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SECURE TOMORROW

## BACKGROUND

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Security Assessment at First Entry (SAFE) is designed to rapidly evaluate a facility's current security posture and identify options for facility owners and operators to mitigate relevant threats.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

SAFE is a rapid physical security assessment that assists facility owners and operators in implementing effective security programs. Using SAFE, CISA Protective Security Advisors (PSA) provide a structured review of a facility's existing security measures and delivers feedback on observed vulnerabilities and options for improving security.

## SAFE VISITS

The SAFE assessment is free, quick, and easy for owners and operators. It entails a local PSA conducting a brief walk-through of a site and discussion of its existing security features and concerns. The SAFE visit will

- Focus on physical security;
- Take only a few hours to complete; and
- Be objective.

## OUTCOMES FROM VISIT

After completing the SAFE visit, the PSA delivers a short report containing:

- **A list of commendable actions:** During the assessment, the PSA will make note of existing practices that are noteworthy for their effectiveness and that should be continue.
- **A list of vulnerabilities and options for consideration:** The PSA will also make note of any areas that could benefit from additional attention from a security perspective—areas relating to security management, entry control, perimeter security, and other physical security measures. Each identified vulnerability will have one or more mitigation options for owners and operators to consider. These options are purely voluntary, and each facility determines what actions to take in light of its own current security posture, anticipated growth or organizational changes, budgetary outlook, and other factors.
- **A list of individuals, agencies, and organizations:** Useful points of contact for owners and operators as they proceed with efforts to improve a facility's security posture.
- **Helpful links and references:** Resources that provide more information about security options and ways to implement them.

## CONTACT US

Please visit [cisa.gov](https://cisa.gov) for more information on CISA's mission and the role that critical infrastructure vulnerability assessments, including the SAFE, play in infrastructure security and resilience.

To learn more about SAFE assessments, contact your local PSA or email [ISDAssessments@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:ISDAssessments@cisa.dhs.gov).