National Threat Evaluation and Reporting
Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management

Many individuals planning to commit acts of targeted violence display threats or observable behaviors that may concern others. Traditional reporting and investigative methods alone are no longer sufficient for identifying and mitigating these threats to the Homeland. The **Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)** model was originally developed by the U.S. Secret Service to protect the President of the United States; however, many organizations have refined and adapted this model to prevent acts of targeted violence such as, but not limited to, terrorism, school shootings, or mass attacks in public spaces.

BTAM is a proactive, evidenced-based method of investigation, analysis, and intervention that focuses on an individual's patterns of thinking and behavior to determine whether, and to what extent, that individual may be moving toward an attack. BTAM utilizes a four-step process—identify, investigate, assess and manage.

BUILDING A TEAM

BTAM utilizes a multi-disciplinary team-based approach. A BTAM team consists of professionals from a wide variety of disciplines, including social services, mental health, and law enforcement, among others. The BTAM team works together to leverage their experience, expertise, and judgment to support individuals through intervention and to mitigate threats of targeted violence.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The ultimate goal of BTAM is violence prevention. Community involvement in violence prevention - to include supporting interventions for individuals while respecting their privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties - is critical to building a culture of shared responsibility that can help prevent acts of targeted violence.

WHO TO CONTACT

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