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## Protect yourself against terrorism at your hotel

In light of recent terrorist attacks targeting foreigners in hotels in India and the Middle East, AH&LA encourages its members to be informed of appropriate actions that can be taken to safeguard against a similar instance at your properties.

### What is going on?

- Last week's attacks on two of India's most famous upscale hotels (frequented by Americans and other foreigners), just two months after a large truck bomb exploded outside of a Marriott hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- These two recent incidents may be the beginning of a resurging and alarming trend of luxury hotels becoming magnets for terrorist activities.
- Media are rightfully fixated on how these events are unfolding. Here are some recent, comprehensive articles analyzing the attacks:
  - [\*\*Analysts Say it Will be Difficult to Shield Luxury Hotels from Terrorist Attacks\*\*](#) - November 30, *New York Times*  
Article analyzes success of present and future security measures and guest expectations, sources of vulnerabilities at targeted hotels.
  - [\*\*Taj Mahal chairman: We had Warning\*\*](#) - November 29, *CNN.com*  
Interview discusses shortcomings in pre-existing hotel security actions and the need for increased preventative measures.
- [\*\*Click here\*\*](#) to read statements on the Mumbai attacks and recent events from several member hotel companies:
  - Hilton Hotels Corporation
  - Hyatt Hotels & Resorts
  - Marriott International
  - Starwood Hotels

### What you can do.

- Take inventory of what you're already doing:
  - Review your current security and crises management programs;
  - Work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure your programs are in line with the community's plan to address possible terrorist activities;

- Incorporate relevant aspects of the community's plans into your own;
- Make sure local law enforcement agencies have current blueprints of your property.
  
- [AH&LA's Emergency Preparedness resources online](#), designed to assist in developing prevention and recovery strategies, crisis communication planning, and employee training, can help you develop and update your emergency plans.
  
- Review with your staff the **Department of Homeland Security's tips for dealing with an active shooter** on premises. Visit the AH&LA Emergency Preparedness page to view the Active Shooter reference materials including recommended response booklets, posters, and pocket guides.
  
- Consult the many resources of the Educational Institute, a subsidiary of AH&LA, offering training programs/resources for hoteliers, including the [Spotlight on Security](#) video.

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