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FB-ISAO Current Threat Level

**FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:**
Elevated

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as "ELEVATED." As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, "ELEVATED" means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but there is a concern that an event is more likely than normal.

**FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:**
Elevated

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as "ELEVATED." As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, "ELEVATED" means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but there is a concern that an event is more likely than normal.

## Stories

# FB-ISAO Newsletter

## The Threat and Incident Response Working Group Issued an Update to Threat Level Statement

The FB-ISAO Threat and Incident Response Working Group (TIG) issued an update to the threat level statement in March of 2024, "In addition to our continued observance of a broad array of general threats and hostility to people and places of faith, we have reviewed the ongoing events and threats relating to the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza and the related activities internationally and domestically. Based on that assessment, we have determined to maintain both the Physical and Cyber Threat Levels at 'ELEVATED.'"

**ELEVATED**

Additionally, the TIG continues to have concerns over the general widespread acts of faith-based hostilities and open threats to faith-based organizations based on their religious and political beliefs – (including antisemitism, islamophobia, anti-Christian and anti-Sikh sentiment, etc.), regularly occurring acts of violence such as arson, vandalism, and low-level attacks including Swatting and bomb threats, as well as commodity cyberattacks seen in all communities including Business Email Compromise (BEC) and ransomware. The TIG is closely monitoring events and rhetoric relating to the 2024 U.S. election season, ongoing health threats, along with other considerations that may pose direct or indirect risks to organizations.

Read the entire March 2024 Threat Level Statement Update.

For additional information, please refer to the resources below:

➤ An explainer on the FB-ISAO Threat Levels.
➤ FB-ISAO: The 2023 Threat Data in Review
September 2023 Department of Homeland Security Homeland Threat Assessment
➤ Protecting Houses of Worship | Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency CISA
➤ CISA: Security Planning Workbook. The Security Planning Workbook is a comprehensive resource that can assist critical infrastructure owners and operators with the development of a foundational security plan. This workbook is designed to be flexible and scalable to suit the needs of most facilities. PDF: Security Planning Workbook.
➤ FB-ISAO Post: The Nonprofit Security Grant Program- A Resource to Faith-Based Organizations.

## FB-ISAO Advisory Board

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## Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

How to join…

## Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack? You Need to Be!

Write to membership

## Selected Upcoming FB-ISAO Events. Visit the events page for a complete listing.

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| Office Hours. *(Meeting Invitations sent to all members via email.)* | 30 April 2024 at 1pm ET |
| FireArms in the House: Insurance Considerations | 01 May at 12:00pm ET |



# Fraud and Scams

In early March, the FBI released their annual Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) report. In 2023, the IC3 received a record number of complaints from the American public: 880,418 complaints, with potential losses exceeding $12.5 billion. This is nearly a 10% increase in complaints, and represents a 22% increase in losses, compared to 2022. The FBI reminds all organizations that protecting against threat actors is a "team sport" and encourages all organizations to report any incidents as it will help the overall community. Through these incidents, organizations can take away valuable lessons learned, and apply them to their environment thereby reducing the overall risk and protecting their organizations, clients, customers, and employees.

✓ Review incident reporting to understand the risk against your organization.
✓ Assess if the tactics described in the report have been seen in current or historical incidents.
✓ Assess if the organization's controls are in a position to reduce the risk from these threats.
✓ Update organizational training to increase employee understanding and awareness of the risks and be better positioned to protect the organization from the threats.
✓ Develop exercises based on the threats and themes identified to ensure the organization is positioned to respond and mitigate the risk.



# Spotlight: Great Way to Contribute to FB-ISAO's Mission

In a community of force multipliers, not everyone contributes the same way, so we've come up with yet another way for community members to be force multipliers – guest blog posts! Please feel free to share this announcement within your networks and let's build up this community of force multipliers together!

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work as you contribute to reducing risk while enhancing preparedness, security, and resilience for the entire community of faith.

Ready to share? While we can't guarantee we'll be able to publish your post, even if it meets our editorial guidelines, we look forward to receiving your submission. Please submit your blog post to info@faithbased-isao.org. If your submission meets our editorial guidelines and aligns with our mission, we will respond to let you know your post has been selected and we will work with you on any needed edits. Read more here.