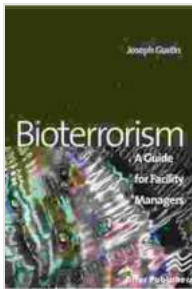


# The Essential Bioterrorism Guide for Facility Managers

As a facility manager, you are responsible for the safety and security of your occupants. In today's world, that means being prepared for the threat of bioterrorism.



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Bioterrorism is the intentional release of biological agents, such as bacteria, viruses, or toxins, to cause harm or terror. These agents can be spread through the air, water, or food, and they can cause a wide range of illnesses, from mild to life-threatening.

The threat of bioterrorism is real and growing. In recent years, there have been several high-profile cases of bioterrorism, including the anthrax attacks in the United States in 2001 and the sarin gas attack in the Tokyo subway in 1995.

As a facility manager, you need to be prepared to respond to a bioterrorism attack. This guide will provide you with the information you need to develop

a comprehensive bioterrorism preparedness plan for your facility.

## **Developing a Bioterrorism Preparedness Plan**

The first step in preparing for a bioterrorism attack is to develop a comprehensive bioterrorism preparedness plan. This plan should outline your facility's procedures for responding to a bioterrorism incident, including:

- Evacuation procedures
- Medical treatment
- Decontamination procedures
- Communication procedures
- Business continuity procedures

Your bioterrorism preparedness plan should be tailored to the specific needs of your facility. It should be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that it is current and effective.

## **Training Your Staff**

Once you have developed a bioterrorism preparedness plan, it is important to train your staff on its procedures. This training should cover:

- The different types of biological agents
- The symptoms of exposure to biological agents
- The procedures for responding to a bioterrorism incident
- The importance of following the bioterrorism preparedness plan

Your staff should be trained on a regular basis to ensure that they are up-to-date on the latest bioterrorism threats and response procedures.

## **Communication**

Communication is critical during a bioterrorism incident. You need to be able to communicate with your staff, occupants, and emergency responders in a timely and effective manner.

Your bioterrorism preparedness plan should include a communication plan that outlines how you will communicate with these groups during an incident. This plan should include:

- A list of contact information for key personnel
- Procedures for communicating with occupants and staff
- Procedures for communicating with emergency responders
- Procedures for communicating with the media

You should also have a backup communication plan in place in case your primary communication systems are disrupted.

## **Recovery**

The recovery process after a bioterrorism attack can be long and challenging. However, by planning and preparing in advance, you can help to minimize the impact of an attack on your facility and its occupants.

Your recovery plan should include:

- Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting your facility

- Procedures for providing medical care to victims
- Procedures for providing counseling and support to staff and occupants
- Procedures for restoring your facility to normal operations

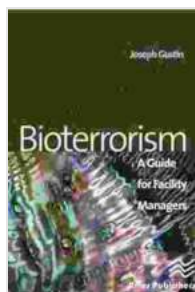
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The threat of bioterrorism is real and growing. As a facility manager, you need to be prepared to respond to a bioterrorism attack. This guide has provided you with the information you need to develop a comprehensive bioterrorism preparedness plan for your facility.

By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can help to protect your occupants from the threat of bioterrorism and ensure the safety and security of your facility.

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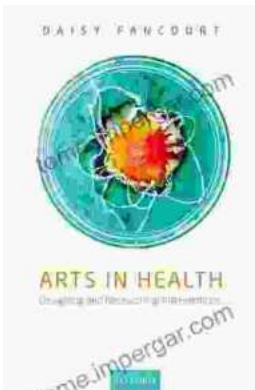
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