

The Role of Hospital Security Services & the Pandemic



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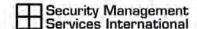


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There also, those who may see this pandemic as a situation to take advantage of. It is therefore essential that all visitors, as well as vendors, be required to meet a specific protocol for pertaining to both internal and external access, as determined to meet the unique needs of each hospital.

The SMSI team, **Bill Nesbitt CPP** and **Drew Neckar CPP**, have extensive hospital experience. Bill has been retained as an expert witness for numerous lawsuits, wherein the efficacy of the hospital's security program was called into question. Bill is also a former Navy Corpsman. Drew has years of experience with a world-renowned hospital organization located in the Midwest. Both Bill and Drew hold **CPTED** certifications (Crime prevention through environmental design). This is the time to review your security protocol.

In the wake of the present pandemic, now is the time to reexamine your entire security protocol. When evaluating risk, the quantification of risk is crucial to the process. This





requires determining of the probability of the risk occurring. Once the probability of an identified risk is determined, the task requires the ascertaining of the required security remedies. The ambient risk environment is situationally changed in terms of priorities.

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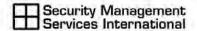
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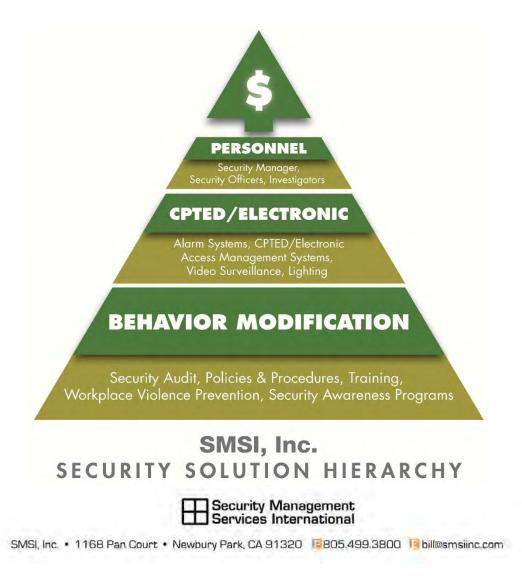
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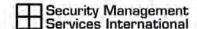
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To summarize, our team is willing to bring our expertise to the table. We have a significant level of experience. We have learned from both the successful operations, and conversely. We have also learned in our roles a court certified Expert Witnesses. We have over twenty years of experience as court certified expert witnesses in numerous litigations, covering over 30 states. This experience has made better consultants from the perspective of mitigation.



