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CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS IN YOUR WORKPLACE?

ASIS Boston has you covered. Turn to our special Covid-19 virus coverage on pages 4 - 7 for valuable information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on how to protect your workers from illness. Go to www.cdc.gov/COVID19 for more.

Go to www.asisonline.org for resources and information for security professionals from ASIS International.

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION:

2020 NEW ENGLAND SECURITY EXPO - JUNE 4, 2020
THE LANTANA, RANDOLPH, MA



The ASIS International Boston Chapter's annual security tradeshow, the 2020 New England Security EXPO and Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon, will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at The Lantana in Randolph, MA.

The 2020 EXPO will feature multiple educational programs, diverse panels, seminars, dynamic keynote speakers and some of the security industry's leading companies. The EXPO's Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon will honor the service of local law enforcement and public safety officials.

This year's EXPO is also destined to be the largest one in our EXPO's 38-year history! We invite your company to become an exhibitor and to become part of a great opportunity and chapter tradition, while also gaining impactful marketing exposure for your business. Register today before booth space sells out! Visit www.newenglandsecurityexpo.org for details. Please email questions to expo2020@asis-boston.org.

At this time, we have not made any decision to cancel this year's ASIS Expo on June 4th. We will be making that decision by the very beginning of April and will alert you immediately. If we cannot go forward with our event in June, the Expo and Law Enforcement luncheon will likely be postponed for a couple of months. If you have registered, know that we will refund your money or move it to the new date. If you have any questions at all about this, please contact [Bonnie Michelman](mailto:Bonnie.Michelman) and exhibitors can contact [Jim Stankevich](mailto:Jim.Stankevich).

New England Security EXPO 2020

ASIS BOSTON CHAPTER'S ANNUAL EXPO

Thursday, June 4, 2020 • The Lantana, Randolph, MA



CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



Dear Boston Chapter Members,

I hope everyone's 2020 is off to a great start! The Chapter kicked off the new year by

welcoming the new Board and thanking last year's Board and most importantly, our previous Chairperson Joe Crowley! Joe and the ASIS Board worked on some great things over the past couple of years and have set the Boston Chapter moving in the right direction!

The Boston Chapter just closed out its yearly CPP, PSP, and PCI review courses that were held March 9th-12th at Axis Communications! A big THANK YOU to Certification Chair Craig McQuate, who put this all together as well as our instructors: Marty Patnaude; Joseph Nelson; Skip Brandt; Joe Donaghue; August Niewenhaus; Raymond Dugan; and Bruce Dean! Additionally, we thank Axis Communications for their hospitality and support by hosting the courses! We wish all the 2020 attendees good luck with their preparation and testing!

Unfortunately, we were forced to postpone our joint meeting with IAHS that was slated for March 12 as a result of the Coronavirus and will look to work with our speaker, vendor and IAHS to reschedule ASAP.



Our Expo team is gearing up for what is slated to be a great Expo on Thursday, June 4, 2020. If you haven't signed up to participate at the Expo as an attendee, vendor or sponsor, we'd love for you to visit us at www.newenglandsecurityexpo.com for more information!

Please know that your ASIS Boston leaders are working hard on the plans for our 2020 Security EXPO and will be making a decision about whether to go forward, cancel or postpone the event by the beginning of April (*See page 1 for details*). If you have questions, please contact **Bonnie Michelman** and exhibitors can contact **Jim Stankevich** for more information.

I hope to see you at ASIS Boston's upcoming events!

Stephen Bertoni
Boston Chapter Chairperson

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FREE for ASIS Members!!
Introductory Webinar on NEW ASIS International Standard on Security Awareness

Visit www.asisonline.org to register for these and other professional education programs.

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2020 New England Security EXPO and Public Safety Luncheon
The Lantana
Randolph, MA

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

FEDERAL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGISLATION PASSES U.S. HOUSE IN NOVEMBER

In past articles we have discussed legislation starting in California and moving East across the nation. With California's healthcare workplace violence bill passed, we predicted it would move East. Similar bills are up for vote in Tennessee and other states. There is also a Federal bill that has passed the House and is currently in the Senate.



On November 21, 2019, the U.S. House of Representatives passed U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin's (D-Wisconsin) legislation to protect health care and social services employees from workplace violence. The **Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act** directs the Occupational

Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue a standard requiring health care and social service employers to write and implement a workplace violence prevention plan to prevent and protect their employees from violent incidents. The Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act would ensure that health care and social service workplaces adopt proven prevention techniques and are prepared to respond in the tragic event of a violent incident. More information about this legislation is available [here](#).

The Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act received support from a host of health care and social service professionals, as well as unions representing workers in these sectors.

Massachusetts News

State Rep. Elizabeth Malia (D-11th Suffolk) is proposing a bill that would require private insurance companies to cover up to 30 days of addiction treatment. Currently, private insurers are only required to offer up to 14 days of coverage, which Malia argues is not nearly enough time for addicts to fully detox and enter the next phase of treatment.

Should private insurers be mandated to double the amount of time they cover addiction treatment?

From the Keystone State

Pennsylvania Regular Session 2019-2020 House Bill 39 would remove last names from credentials

Healthcare workers are more likely to be victims of workplace violence than people in other careers. To help protect healthcare workers, some states are considering requiring the removal of last names from customer-facing credentials with the aim of making it harder to personally identify care givers and other employees.

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HOME SECURITY: A GREAT WAY TO BOOST YOUR HOME'S VALUE

Return on investment is a top concern when remodeling your home. When you're spending a lot of money on home improvements, you want to know it's boosting your home's value.

If you want a home improvement project that makes your house stand out in a competitive market, home security is an easy choice. Not only does home security make life safer for your family, but it also helps your home appeal to buyers looking for a move-in ready home. Home buyers like to have the comfort of knowing their home already has a security system, so they don't have to install one themselves.

Lucky for homeowners, home security improvements are also quite affordable. Here are three projects under \$5,000 that will make your home safer and more salable.

Home Improvement Projects to Increase Home Security

By Ray Flynn

Locking the doors and getting to know your neighbors are smart home security moves, but they're not enough. If you want peace of mind, these three projects are the best places to start.

Outdoor Lighting

Well-lit homes look better, are more livable, and are less likely to be targeted by a burglar. Exterior lighting should be placed near doors, along walkways, and above the garage door for maximum security. Choose motion-activated lighting or set lights to timers, or control outdoor lighting through your smart home system to ensure your lights turn on and off at the right times.

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What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
1

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
2

Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT
3

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT
4

You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
5

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.





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CISA INSIGHTS

Risk Management for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)



The Threat and How to Think About It

This product is for executives to help them think through physical, supply chain, and cybersecurity issues that may arise from the spread of Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has been detected in locations around the world, including multiple areas throughout the U.S. This is a rapidly evolving situation and for more information, visit the CDC's [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#).



COVID-19 Risk Profile

As of March 2020, the CDC notes that most people in the United States have little immediate risk of exposure to this virus. The virus is NOT currently spreading widely in the United States.

In anticipation of a broader spread of COVID-19, globally and within the United States, organizations should plan for potential impacts to their workforce and operations.



CISA's Role as the Nation's Risk Advisor

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is working closely with partners to prepare for possible impacts of a COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. COVID-19 containment and mitigation strategies will rely heavily on healthcare professionals and first responders detecting and notifying government officials of occurrences.

CISA will use its relationships with interagency and industry partners to facilitate greater communication, coordination, prioritization and [information-sharing](#) between the private sector and the government.

As the situation changes, the virus may affect essential operations for businesses and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government entities.

To stay current with CISA's efforts regarding the COVID-19, visit: cisa.gov/coronavirus.

What's in this guide:

✓ Actions for Infrastructure Protection

✓ Actions for your Supply Chain

✓ Cybersecurity for Organizations

✓ Cybersecurity Actions for your Workforce and Consumers

Additional Information:

Visit the [CDC website](#), or contact CDC for COVID-19-related issues or to share critical and timely information by sending an email to eocjiclead2@cdc.gov and eocjictriage2@cdc.gov or by calling 1-800-232-4636.

Keeping the workplace safe

Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel



- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

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Stay home if...



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What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

Keeping commercial establishments safe

Encourage your employees and customers to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door, and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Avoid crowding



- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares



- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, CONT'D PG 3

A bill is making its way through the Pennsylvania House of Representatives ([Pennsylvania Regular Session 2019-2020 House Bill 39](#)). Currently, Pennsylvania law requires healthcare employee IDs to include a photo, first and last name.

Why eliminate last names?

With the explosion of social media and the general ability to search the Internet, it's relatively easy to search for a person and locate personal information, including where they live. The Pennsylvania bill is designed to help protect workers by not having last names on credentials.

If passed, this bill could drive similar changes in other states, with many facilities adopting the new policy and replacing their ID Badges to help protect employees.

How can you prepare for removing last names from ID cards?

Some hospitals and care facilities are getting ahead of the law. For example, the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center (UPMC), which has roughly 87,000 employees, 40 hospitals, and 700 clinical locations, has already made the change to make the font size of last names smaller and harder to read. In a statement about the bill, UPMC wrote, "We support this bill as it helps protect our employees and is an important piece of workplace safety legislation."

It is expected that other states will likely adopt similar legislation and that other hospitals and health systems will take action to help protect the privacy of employees.

So, what are you to do about last names on ID cards?

- Rebadge
- Cover last names with labels

- Redesign existing badge templates in your software

Want to know more about this issue?

- Read more about the Pennsylvania ID Badge bill [here](#)
- Review the specifics of House Bill 39 with the proposed changes [here](#).

**HOME SECURITY, CONT'D PG 3**

When installing outdoor lighting, it's important to think beyond function. Well-designed exterior lighting highlights your home's best features to add curb appeal and security. According to HouseLogic, outdoor lighting for a typical home **costs around \$4,925**. However, your price will vary depending on your home's size and lighting needs.

Privacy Landscaping

Landscaping can hurt or harm your home's security. While tall shrubbery around the perimeter of your property is an excellent way to add privacy and limit access to your home, overgrown shrubs near doors and windows serve as a convenient hiding place for intruders.

Landscaping also has an impact on your home's value. Professional landscaping increases a home's value up to **12 percent**, according to Turf Magazine. However, when a nice home lacks curb appeal, its value suffers as a result. If you invest in shrubbery for home security, skip the DIY, and hire professionals. Landscaping installations average between \$1,550 and \$5,200 in Boston,

but they have the potential to increase your home's value by much more.

Home Security Systems

Smart home technology has made it easier than ever to secure your home. Smart homes are also hot with today's buyers; in fact, approximately 44 percent of home buyers want smart technology pre-installed in their next home.

Start with a smart security system and smart cameras to keep an eye on your home. If you prefer the added security, choose a system that offers a 24/7 monitoring plan. If low-cost is the priority, a self-monitored system is the way to go. Smart locks are another wise addition; with smart locks, there's no need to hide a spare key outside where an intruder could find it. You can open the door with a code or from your phone — no key required.

Homeowners can purchase a security system with five years of monitoring for under \$3,000. You'll also need to secure your WiFi so intruders can't gain access to your smart devices. Learn how to secure your WiFi network at [Comparetech](#)

When planning home improvement projects that will increase their home's value, most homeowners think of kitchen and bathroom remodels, flooring upgrades, and other cosmetic improvements. While it's true that big-ticket upgrades can boost your home's resale value, don't underestimate the impact of a small investment in home security.

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