

Business Practices Council Links

[American Management Association](#) (AMA) is a global not-for-profit, membership-based association that provides a full range of management development and educational services to individuals, companies and government agencies worldwide. Holds occasional seminars on security topics.

[American National Standards Institute](#) (ANSI) is a private, non-profit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standardization and conformity assessment system. ANSI's mission is to enhance both the global competitiveness of U.S. business and the U.S. quality of life by promoting and facilitating voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems, and safeguarding their integrity.

[American Society for Testing and Materials](#) (ASTM) is one of the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world-a trusted source for technical standards for materials, products, systems, and services. Known for their high technical quality and market relevancy, ASTM International standards have an important role in the information infrastructure that guides design, manufacturing and trade in the global economy.

[Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association](#) (BHMA) is an industry leader in building safety and security. BHMA is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop and maintain performance standards for locks, closers, exit devices and other builders hardware. The widely known ANSI/BHMA A156 series of standards describes and establishes the features and criteria for specific types of hardware products. In addition, BHMA sponsors third-party certification of hardware products, which is a requirement for a product to bear the "BHMA Certified" mark - insuring that the product meets the ANSI/BHMA standard.

[Door and Hardware Institute](#) (DHI) is a professional organization that serves the North American marketplace as the advocate and primary resource for information, professional development and certification resource for the architectural openings industry with a focus on the channels of distribution. The purpose of DHI is to provide its members with the skills and competencies to compete successfully in the advancement of the safety and security of the built environment.

[International Association of Professional Security Consultants](#) (IAPSC) is the most respected and widely recognized consulting association in the security industry. Its rigid membership requirements ensure that potential clients may select from the most elite group of professional, ethical and competent security consultants available to them. The primary purpose of the IAPSC is to establish and maintain the highest set of standards for professionalism and ethical conduct in the industry.

[International Code Council](#) (ICC) is an organization dedicated to providing the highest quality codes, standards, products, and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment

[InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards](#) (INCITS) is the forum of choice for information technology developers, producers and users for the creation and maintenance of formal de jure IT standards. INCITS is accredited by, and operates under rules approved by, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). INCITS is sponsored by the Information

Technology Industry Council (ITI), a trade association representing the leading U.S. providers of information technology products and services.

[International Security Management Association](#) is an international security association of senior security executives from major business organizations located worldwide. ISMA's mission is to provide and support an international forum of selected security executives whose combined expertise will be utilized in a synergistic manner in developing, organizing, assimilating, and sharing knowledge within security disciplines for the ultimate purpose of enhancing professional and business standards.

[National Association of Security Companies](#) (NASCO) is dedicated to promoting and sustaining professional integrity and competence throughout every aspect of the private security business. At the forefront of efforts to set meaningful standards for the private security industry, NASCO also monitors proposed state and federal legislation and regulations that might affect the quality and/or effectiveness of private security services.

[National Fire Prevention Association](#) (NFPA) is an international nonprofit organization with the mission to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

[National Information Assurance Partnership \(NIAP\)](#) is a U.S. Government initiative originated to meet the security testing needs of both information technology (IT) consumers and producers. NIAP is a collaboration between the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Security Agency (NSA) in fulfilling their respective responsibilities under PL 100-235 (Computer Security Act of 1987). The partnership combines the extensive IT security experience of both agencies to promote the development of technically sound security requirements for IT products and systems and appropriate measures for evaluating those products and systems.

[National Institute of Standards and Technology](#) (NIST) is a non-regulatory federal agency within the U.S. Commerce Department's Technology Administration. NIST's mission is to develop and promote measurement, standards, and technology to enhance productivity, facilitate trade, and improve the quality of life.

[National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center](#) (NLECTC) was created in 1994 as a component of the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ's) Office of Science and Technology. The NLECTC system serves as an "honest broker" offering support, research findings, and technological expertise to help State and local law enforcement and corrections personnel perform their duties more safely and efficiently. Evaluates equipment used in surveillance, officer protection, weapons/person detection, training, etc. and latest use of technology.

[National Standard Systems Network](#) (NSSN) is a cooperative partnership between the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), U.S. private-sector standards organizations, government agencies, and international standards organizations. NSSN's goal is to become a leader in the provision of technical data and information about important developments in a global standardization arena.

[Service Employees International Union](#) (SEIU) is an international union representing workers in several professions – health care, public service, industrial and building services – including

security. Includes a section on the status of security standards on a state-level, covering certification/licensing of officers, evacuation training and background checks, and regulatory board for the profession.

[Standards Australia](#) is the peak non-government Standards development body in Australia. It is a company limited by guarantee, with 72 members representing groups interested in the development and application of Standards and related products and services.

[Underwriters Laboratories Inc](#) (UL) is an independent, not-for-profit product-safety testing and certification organization. UL has tested products for public safety for more than a century.

[Access Control & Security Systems](#) is a magazine that focuses on how America's commercial, industrial and institutional facilities employ security systems to make their sites safer. This publication reports on the equipment used in security systems, and especially on how that equipment is integrated into "security solutions."

[ASIS Academic Security Programs](#) is a list of academic institutions offering degrees and/or courses in security. This document includes Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's programs, as well as Certificate programs. The list is alphabetical by state.

[Security Magazine](#) is the magazine for buyers of security, life safety and integrated products, systems and contracted services in business, industry and government.

[Security Management Magazine](#) is the magazine of the ASIS (formerly the American Society of Industrial Security). Contains ideas and practices for business and industrial security managers.