Homeland Security

As a critical part of the nation’s infrastructure, real estate continues to face an array of threats not only from global public health events like COVID-19, but also civil unrest, increasingly frequent natural disasters, international and domestic terrorism, criminal activity, cyber-attacks and weakened border security. To address such threats, Roundtable members play a vital role in developing and implementing strategies and tactics to make the commercial facilities sector more secure and resilient. Strengthening the security and resilience of the commercial facilities sector is an important aspect of managing any facility where people live, work, shop, and play.

As the pandemic continues and eventually subsides, The Roundtable remains in contact with senior policymakers in all branches of government to ensure proper guidance on the creation of parameters around the health and safety of the general public as efforts to navigate the crisis continue.

Building Re-Entry Working Group

As many jurisdictions begin the process of restarting the economy, our Building Re-Entry Working Group is working with our industry partners, building owners, managers and security staff to develop a strategy for building re-entry and address legal liability issues. With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we are working to develop health-related standards and essential measures to safely enable tenants and customers to safely re-enter commercial properties.

Distribution of Security Breaches by Industry (Percentage of 2016 GDP and Breaches)

Source: Executive Office of the President of the United States
The Real Estate Information Sharing and Analysis Center (RE-ISAC)

The Roundtable’s Real Estate Information Sharing and Analysis Center (RE-ISAC) is a public-private partnership between the U.S. commercial facilities sector and federal homeland security officials first organized by the Roundtable in 2003. Systematic and sustained information sharing continues to be one of the most effective weapons in protecting the nation’s critical infrastructure. The RE-ISAC serves as the primary conduit of terrorism, cyber, pandemic and natural hazard warning and response information between the government and the commercial facilities sector. The RE-ISAC proactively manages risk and strengthens the security and resilience of the US commercial facilities sector infrastructure to aid protection and prevention.

Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF)

The Roundtable’s Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) continues to focus on enhancing the commercial facilities sector’s ability to meet its current and future security-related challenges by analyzing threats, sharing information, and fostering resilience through a broad threat matrix of physical, health and cyber risks. The HSTF meets regularly and coordinates briefings with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and other agencies to discuss potential threats to the sector and to enhance risk mitigation.

The Roundtable’s Homeland Security Task Force and Real Estate Information Sharing and Analysis Center remain focused on measures that businesses can take during the pandemic crisis and the recovery that will strengthen infrastructure so that it is resistant to physical damage and cyber breaches, and increase cross-agency information sharing and cooperation with key law enforcement and intelligence agencies.