

# Introduction

*Why this booklet?* Some business people think the terrorist threat has declined. It has not. In 1978 alone, over four hundred people were killed and a similar number injured in international terrorist attacks around the world. Business people have not been exempt. In the last decade, USA business facilities or executives have been the targets for over one-third of those international terrorist attacks directed against USA citizens or property. Fortunately, Canada and Canadians abroad have not been prime targets in the past but Canadian diplomatic missions have experienced fire-bombings and a hostage-taking. Incidents could involve Canadians directly. Canadians could also become involved when innocent bystanders are caught up in a terrorist incident against a third party. All business people can be targets in some high-risk areas abroad. National identities can be confused. A risk exists.

You can reduce that risk. Most security precautions are common sense with little or no cost. Even more elaborate security precautions can be justified on the grounds of improved morale and confidence. Measures which reduce the terrorist threat also provide a bonus. Virtually all terrorist techniques are also used by common criminals. Deter the terrorist and you deter the crook as well.

This booklet contains a number of practical suggestions on what to do to reduce the risk and on what can be done during and after a terrorist attack. It also outlines how the Canadian Government can help you.

But above all, we would like you to avoid repetitious day-to-day routines. For example, do not leave home for the office at the same time every morning. Do not use the same route daily. Remember:

**Same time +  
Same place =  
Tempting target**