



IAVM and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to Collaborate Together on Safety and Security Practices

The International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Commercial Facilities Sector-Sports League Subsector have partnered together in order to help keep venues safe and up-to-date with the latest safety and security education and best practices. This valuable collaboration will result in shared expertise, content review, and aligned standards.

This partnership allows all public assemblies from every sector to receive relevant information to enhance Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience as outlined in the Presidential Police Directive. The [Presidential Policy Directive 21 \(PPD-21\): Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience](#) advances a national policy to strengthen and maintain secure, functioning, and resilient critical infrastructure.

The Commercial Facilities Sector includes a diverse range of sites that draw large crowds of people for shopping, business, entertainment, or lodging. Facilities within the sector operate on the principle of open public access, meaning that the general public can move freely without the deterrent of highly visible security barriers. The majority of these facilities are privately owned and operated, with minimal interaction with the federal government and other regulatory entities.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the International Association of Venue Manager will provide an array of cross-sector and sector-specific training programs and resources that will assist to prepare, plan and protect all Public Assemblies.

All current resources can be found [here](#).