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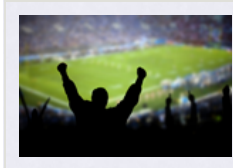
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Featured Topic: Mass Evacuation



Question: What do the Superbowl, flooding caused by melting snow, a rock concert, and a hazardous chemical spill have in common?

Answer: Any number of emergencies involving large numbers of people concentrated in a localized area or venue has the potential to result in a mass evacuation. A terrorist attack, a catastrophic event, or a natural disaster can severely impact traditional evacuation routes, fire, police and emergency medical access and availability, communications and more. According to sources cited in "Streamlining Cross-linking Transportation and Evacuation Planning: A Resource Guide" by the National Association of Regional Councils, an evacuation of more than 1000 people happened once every two to three weeks in the continental U.S. between 1990 and 2003. "The Potential for an

Uncontrolled Mass Evacuation of the DC Metro Area Following a Terrorist Attack: A Report of Survey Findings" addresses the implications of a spontaneous evacuation of the Washington D.C. area, and this emergency evacuation animation from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority provides information on escaping public transportation in a crisis situation. [Would parents follow recommended evacuation plans? What about evacuating the family pets?](#) Reference our [Featured Topic on Mass Evacuation](#) for over forty key documents, reports, plans, and websites.

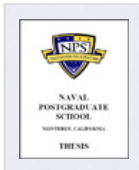
How To: Set Up HSDL Email Alerts



Would you like to have new reports and resources automatically delivered via email? The HSDL can be your personal search assistant if you set up some HSDL Email Alerts. Simply [sign into the HSDL](#) and search on topic(s) that interest you. We recommend using the advanced search and refine options to get focused results. For example, see our focused search for [earthquake lessons](#) limited specifically to the title and summary areas. After you search and refine, notice the orange envelope icon and the words "Create an Email Alert" located directly above the results. Click the icon, confirm the alert set-up, and you're done. Every Friday, we check our collection and email you a list of any new documents that match your saved criteria. It's easy to keep up on the latest reports regarding your topics of interest,

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In the HSDL Collection: Homeland Security Theses

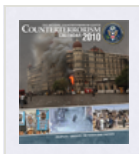


The HSDL has an extensive collection of [homeland security-related theses](#). Of particular interest to researchers and students of homeland security are the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security's (CHDS) Master's students' theses on cutting edge issues and hot topics pertinent to homeland defense and security. For example, Thomas Rempfer's thesis, "Anthrax Vaccine as a Component of the Strategic National Stockpile: A Dilemma for Homeland Security", has claimed the Outstanding Thesis Award for CHDS' December 2009 graduates. Also cited as exceptional theses from this cohort were the works of Todd Consolini for "Regional Security Assessments: A Strategic Approach to Securing Federal Facilities" and Thomas Currao for "A New Role for Emergency Management: Fostering Trust to Enhance Collaboration in Complex Adaptive Emergency Response Systems".

Recommend Resources to the HSDL

We know you have materials that would be valuable additions to our collection. We also know that other homeland security experts, professionals, researchers and educators, like yourself, could benefit from access to these materials. Please email hsdref@nps.edu or visit our [submission page](#) to send us drafts, documents, reports, best practices, websites and more for possible inclusion in the HSDL General Collection or Restricted Collection.

2010 Homeland Security Calendars Available



Need a calendar for 2010? The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service offers a wall calendar, [Backyard Biosecurity: Keeping Your Birds Healthy](#). The US National Counterterrorism Center has their calendar in a daily planner format: [Counterterrorism Calendar 2010](#).