Extremist groups encourage creation of homemade explosives

Recent attacks on the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in Paris suggest homegrown violent extremism (HVE) is a growing threat to US interests and personnel. Extremist groups have released guidance on how to conduct mass attacks with household materials and have used social media to encourage these attacks. Medical personnel should be aware of this growing trend and the security of pressurized volatile gases and combustible materials. (Source: The Fiscal Times)

Monitoring of combustible or flammable items is paramount in the effort to thwart these future attacks. Medical personnel should be aware of where these materials are stored inside their respective workplaces. Access to these types of materials should be limited to personnel who use them on a regular basis. Managers and administrators should be aware of protocols limiting access to these types of materials and should implement safeguards to ensure the safety and security of staff and facilities. (Source: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives)

Administrators should review protocols on who has access to pressurized gases and combustible materials.
Emergency managers and security staff should review physical security policies and protocols to ensure proper protection against these threats.

Facilities management should identify possible security deficiencies and guarantee dangerous materials are inaccessible to the public.

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