

Keeping at the Forefront



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Agenda

- Defining the HSDL
- Accessing the HSDL
- Utilizing the HSDL
- Staying up to Date with the HSDL

Defining

History of Homeland Security Law

- National Security Act of 1947 (PL 253)
- Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950 (PL 920)
- Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (PL 93-288)
- Stafford Act of 1988 (PL 100-707)
- Patriot Act of 2001 (PL 107-56)
- Aviation and Transportation Security Act (PL 107-71)
- Homeland Security Act of 2002 (PL 107-296)

Defining

Homeland Security

The Department of Homeland Security has a vital mission: to secure the nation from the many threats we face. This requires the hard work of more than 260,000 employees in jobs that range from aviation and border security to emergency response, from cybersecurity analyst to chemical facility inspector. Our duties are wide-ranging, and our goal is clear - keeping America safe.

- Department of Homeland Security, About DHS



Defining

Homeland Security Components

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC)
- United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- United States Secret Service (USSS)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Defining

Homeland Security Topics

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- Border Security
 - Citizenship & Immigration
 - Cybersecurity
 - Disasters
 - Economic Security
 - Election Security
 - Emergency Management
 - Energy Security
 - Human Trafficking
 - Immigration
 - Infrastructure Security
 - Law Enforcement Entities
 - Military
 - Nuclear Weapons
 - Preventing Global and Domestic Terrorism
 - Public Health
 - Resilience
 - Science & Technology
 - Severe Weather Events
 - Space Policies
 - Transportation Security

Defining

Homeland Security Digital Library

The Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) is the nation's premier collection of documents related to homeland security policy, strategy, and organizational management. The HSDL is part of the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA.



FEMA



Defining HSDL Mission

To strengthen the national security of the United States by supporting local, state, tribal, territorial and federal analysis, debate, and decision-making needs and to assist academics of all disciplines in homeland defense and security related research.

Defining HSDL Sources

- Federal, State, and Local Governments
- International Governments and Institutions
- Nonprofit Organizations and Private Sector Entities
- Colleges & Universities
- Think Tanks & Research Centers

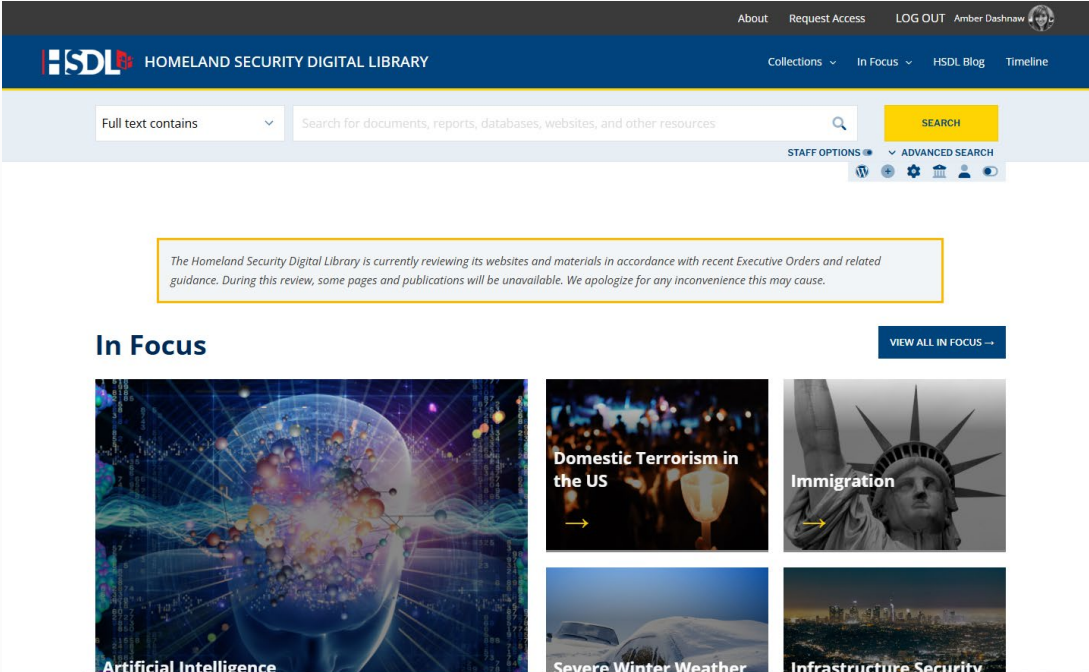
Defining

Users of the HSDL

- Government
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Emergency Management Agencies
- Public Health Agencies
- Military Personnel
- Students within Homeland Security Programs

Accessing The HSDL

<https://www.HSDL.org>



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Accessing The Public Collection

The screenshot displays the HSDL search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'About', 'Request Access', and 'LOG IN'. Below this is the HSDL logo and the text 'HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY'. To the right of the logo are dropdown menus for 'Collections', 'In Focus', 'HSDL Blog', and 'Timeline'. The search area includes a 'CONTAINS' dropdown set to 'Full text contains', a search input field with 'hurricane', and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search area are filters for 'EXACT PHRASE', 'WITHOUT THE WORDS', 'PUBLISH DATE' (with 'From' and 'To' fields), and 'COLLECTION' (set to 'Public Collection'). A yellow 'SEARCH' button and a link to 'ADVANCED SEARCH' are also present.

Your results are missing 13472 items! [Log in](#) or [request access](#) to see all. Searching for terms: ALL: hurricane IN: full text and any metadata

Refine Results

REFINE BY KEYWORDS

SORT BY **Relevance**

RESOURCE GROUPS

SUBJECTS

PUBLISHER

AUTHOR

SERIES

FORMAT

COUNTRY

22593 Results

30 Results/Page

15 FEB, 2006

Failure of Initiative: Final Report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Appendix 9

UNITED STATES. CONGRESS. HOUSE. SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA
FAILURE OF INITIATIVE (HURRICANE KATRINA)

[QUICK SUMMARY](#) | [DOWNLOAD](#)

1 JAN, 2005

Hurricane House Passes the Test: Full Mitigation Best Practice Story, 'Saint Lucie County, Florida'

UNITED STATES. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FEMA CASE STUDY LIBRARY; FEMA MITIGATION BEST PRACTICES

[QUICK SUMMARY](#) | [DOWNLOAD](#)

9 JUN, 2014

Alabama Emergency Management Agency Hurricane Exercise 5.22.14 Hurricane Romeo After-Action Report/Improvement Plan

Accessing The Full Collection

[About](#)

[Request Access](#)

[LOG OUT](#)

[Amber Dashnaw](#)



HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY

[Collections](#) ▾

[In Focus](#) ▾

[HSDL Blog](#)

[Timeline](#)

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Full text contains ▾

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SEARCH

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DIGITAL LIBRARY

Accessing The Restricted Collection



WARNING: Documents in the Restricted Collection are CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION (CUI) or UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (U//FOUO). They contain information that may be exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). They are to be controlled, stored, handled, transmitted, distributed, and disposed of in accordance with [DHS policy \[pdf\]](#) relating to CUI or FOUO information and are not to be released to the public, the media, or other personnel who do not have a valid "need-to-know" without prior approval of an authorized DHS official. No portion of these reports should be furnished to the media, either in written or verbal form. [More rules for use / help with this section.](#)

Accessing Options



Individual Access

Access to the full HSDL Collection with an individual username/password account from the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS).

Eligible to U.S. citizens who are:

- Federal, territorial, tribal, state, or local U.S. government officials; **or**
- Members of the U.S. military; **or**
- Homeland security researchers, academics, or students enrolled at or employed by a U.S. academic institution; **or**
- Public-sector security staff protecting organizations vital to U.S. infrastructure.

[REQUEST THIS ACCESS FROM CHDS →](#)



Organization-wide Access

Access to the full HSDL Collection for everyone within your agency or university network via IP range.

Eligible to U.S. organizations that are:

- Federal, territorial, tribal, state, or local U.S. government agencies; **or**
- Military installations; **or**
- Public-sector research institutions or university libraries.

[REQUEST THIS ACCESS →](#)



Restricted Collection Access

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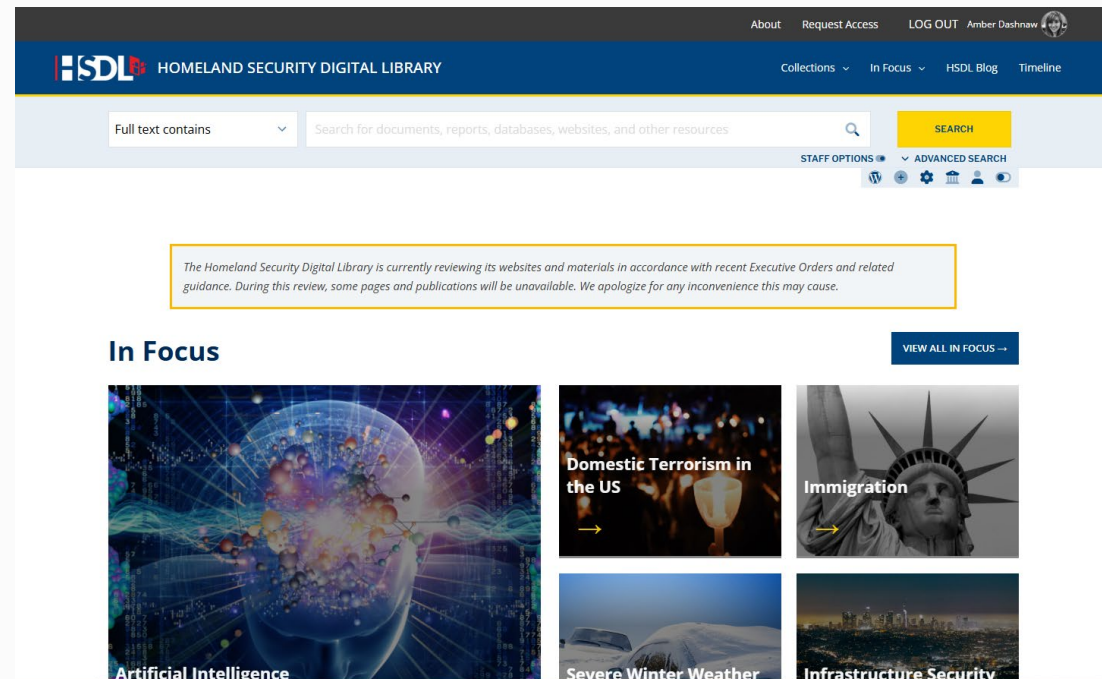
- Federal, territorial, tribal, state, local U.S. government officials; **or** active members of the U.S. military.

You must be granted Individual Access first. You must be able to verify eligibility with an official email address issued by your agency. Access must be re-requested every six months.

[REQUEST THIS ACCESS FROM CHDS →](#)

Utilizing The HSDL

<https://www.HSDL.org>



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Utilizing Search Functionalities

- Full text contains ^
- Full text contains**
- Author contains
- Title contains
- Title or summary contains
- Publisher contains
- Subject contains
- Series contains

Search for documents, reports, databases, websites, and other resources



SEARCH

STAFF OPTIONS ▾ ADVANCED SEARCH



Our Digital Library is currently reviewing its websites and materials in accordance with recent Executive Orders and related review, some pages and publications will be unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

In Focus

[VIEW ALL IN FOCUS →](#)

Utilizing Advanced Search



CONTAINS

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ANY OF THE WORDS

EXACT PHRASE

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Full Collection

CRS Reports

GAO Reports & Testimony

NPS Theses & Reports

Restricted collection

STAFF

Utilizing Record

The screenshot displays the HSDL website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Request Access', and 'LOG IN'. Below this is a blue header with the HSDL logo and the text 'HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'Full text contains' and a search button labeled 'SEARCH'. Below the search bar, there is a 'Download' button with a PDF icon.

31 JAN, 2025
Fishery Disaster Assistance [Updated January 31, 2025]

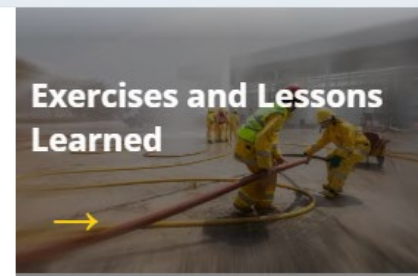
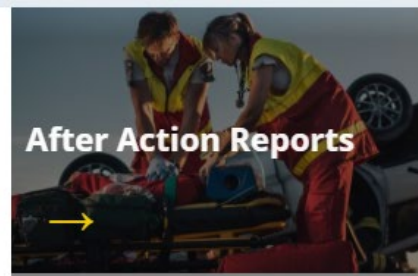
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
MARSHAK, ANTHONY R.; UPTON, HAROLD F. (HAROLD FRANK)

From the document: "Oceanic conditions, climate, human activities, and weather events can affect fishery resources and commercial infrastructure, such as boats, shoreside processing, and ports. Congress authorized the Secretary of Commerce (the Secretary) to provide disaster assistance to the fishing industry when fish populations decline or other disruptions cause economic losses. The governor of a state, the Secretary, or a representative of a fishing community may initiate a request for assistance. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), state agencies, and fishing communities compile information needed to make a determination. When all necessary information has been obtained and reviewed, the Secretary determines whether a fishery failure or disaster has occurred. In most cases, Congress has appropriated funds to support the fishing industry following the Secretary's determination. Since 1994, the Secretary has made 138 fishery disaster determinations, and Congress has appropriated nearly \$2.1 billion for fishery disaster relief. As of 2024, fishery disaster determinations have been made for salmon fisheries in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, Alaskan crab fisheries, West Coast Dungeness crab fisheries, the New England Atlantic herring fishery, and fisheries affected by several hurricanes and other causes. NMFS, states, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and industry representatives often work together to develop a spend plan for how assistance will be distributed to the fishing industry and allocated among potential projects."

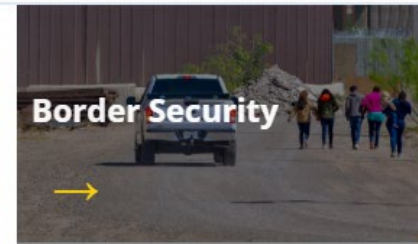
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Authors	Marshak, Anthony R. Upton, Harold F. (Harold Frank)
Publisher	Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service

Utilizing Special Collections



Utilizing In Focus Collections



Utilizing

Out of Focus Collections

Out of Focus

Still important, but no longer actively “in focus,” these Out of Focus collections were developed and featured when they were timely and relevant. A collection becomes “out of focus” when there are no longer new and relevant publications to add to the body of work, or the topic is not as immediately relevant as other topics.

5G and National Security

9/11 20th Anniversary

Asylum and Detention at the Border

Biodefense

Contact Tracing

Countering Violent Extremism

COVID Conspiracies

COVID-19 Journal Resources

Food Insecurity

Fusion Centers

Gangs

Havana Syndrome

Insider Threats

Interoperability

Iran

IS-K (Khorosan)

Policing Protests

Ransomware

Reopening after COVID Shutdown

School Safety

Sea Piracy

Security in Places of Worship

September 11, 2001 Attacks

Social Media Use in



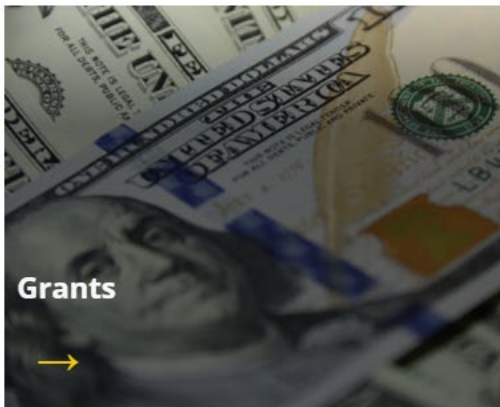
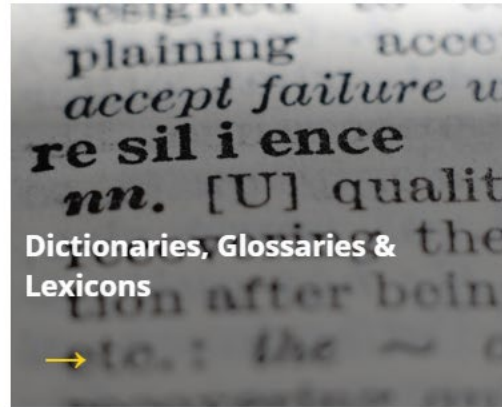
Utilizing Timeline

Timeline of Homeland Security Events

[VIEW ALL FROM THE TIMELINE→](#)



Utilizing Research Tools



Staying up to Date Content Subscriptions

The screenshot displays the HSDL website interface. At the top, the logo and name 'HSDL HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY' are visible, along with navigation links for 'Collections', 'In Focus', 'HSDL Blog', and 'Timeline'. A search bar contains the text 'immigration' and a yellow 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, there are links for 'STAFF OPTIONS' and 'ADVANCED SEARCH'. A search filter indicates 'Subject contains immigration'. A search progress bar shows 'Searching for terms: ALL: immigration IN: subject'. On the left, a 'Refine Results' sidebar lists various filters like 'REFINE BY KEYWORDS', 'SORT BY', 'RESOURCE GROUPS', 'SUBJECTS', 'PUBLISHER', 'AUTHOR', 'SERIES', 'FORMAT', and 'COUNTRY'. The main content area shows search results, with a 'Set a New Content Alert' modal overlaid. The modal text reads: 'Save these search parameters as a New Content Alert. Every Friday, we will email you links to any new items that match your search criteria. Searching for terms: ALL:immigration IN:subjects COLLECTION:documents'. It includes a link 'Learn more about New Content Alerts' and buttons for 'SET ALERT' and 'CANCEL'. A red circle highlights the 'Set a New Content Alert' button in the top right corner of the search results area. Below the modal, search results are visible, including an entry for '1 FEB, 2025' with the title 'Executive Order: Imposing Duties to Address the Situation at Our Southern Border' and another for '29 JAN, 2025' with the title 'Expanding Migrant Operations Center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Full Capacity: Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense the Secretary of Homeland Security, January 29, 2025'.

Staying up to Date

Critical Releases

Curated list of recently published Homeland Security relevant documents - released every two weeks.



The screenshot displays the HSDL website interface. At the top, the logo for HSDL (Homeland Security Digital Library) is visible. Below the logo, the text "Critical Releases in Homeland Security" is centered. The main content area lists five documents, each with a blue hyperlink for the title and the name of the publishing organization below it.

HSDL HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY

Critical Releases in Homeland Security

[2025 Southern California Wildfire Response: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9](#)
United States, Environmental Protection Agency

[Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2024](#)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

[Comparing Significant Acts of Anti-Government Violent Extremism: A Research Note](#)
Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.), Center for Homeland Defense and Security

[Artificial Intelligence: Promises, Risks, and Regulation: Something New Under the Sun](#)
Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

[Perfect Storm: Hamas Terrorist Escalation](#)
Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.), Center for Homeland Defense and Security

Follow the [HSDL Blog](#) for more briefings on significant, timely reports in homeland

Staying up to Date

Blog: On the Homefront



Predictive Policing: Proceedings of a National Academies Workshop

FEBRUARY 5, 2025



2024 Trafficking in Persons: Global Report

FEBRUARY 3, 2025



EPA's 2025 Southern California Wildfire Response

FEBRUARY 3, 2025



In Case You Missed It: MMWR

JANUARY 15, 2025



Weaponization of the Federal Government Report Released

JANUARY 7, 2025

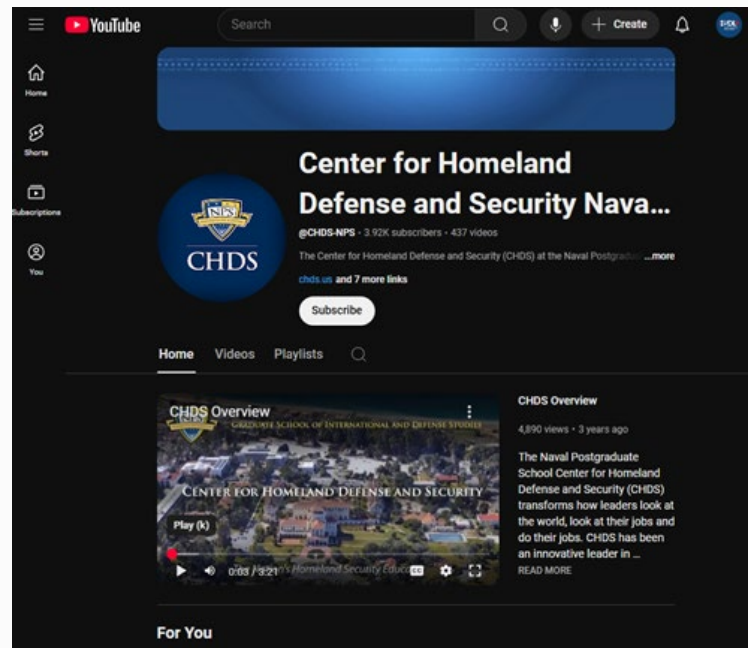
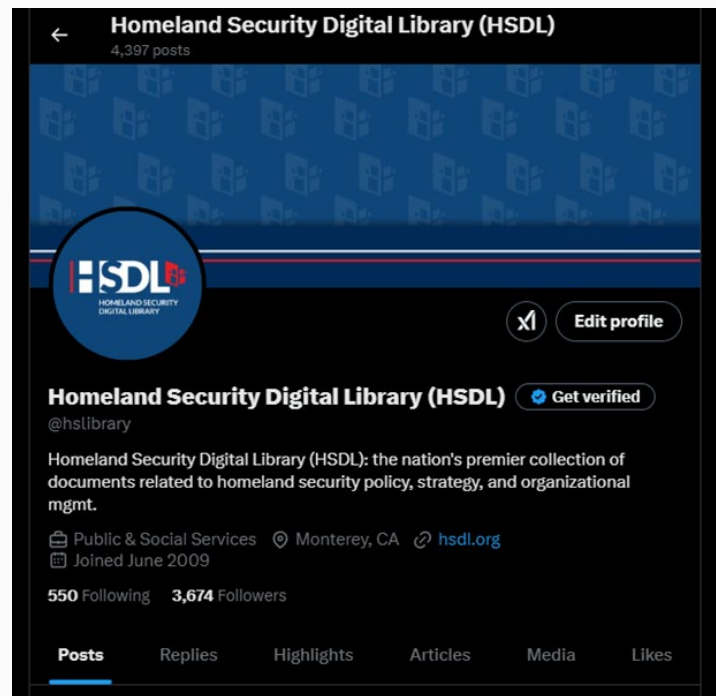


Strengthening Digital Resilience

JANUARY 6, 2025




Staying up to Date Social Media



Staying up to Date

Ask a Librarian

 **HOMELAND SECURITY DIGITAL LIBRARY** Collections ▾ In Focus ▾ HSDL Blog Timeline

Full text contains ▾ Search for documents, reports, databases, websites, and other resources

[STAFF OPTIONS](#) [ADVANCED SEARCH](#) ▾

Ask a Librarian

The Ask a Librarian email reference service is provided to HSDL users with mission-related inquiries that are brief or factual in nature. In most cases we will respond to questions within two working days (Federal Holidays excluded). You may submit a question anytime!

If you are a student or researcher/educator at a university, or if you are a federal government official, we strongly recommend you **ask the Librarian available at your institution**. He or she would be best able to meet your specific research needs in more depth.

Please use this form to submit your inquiry. Please see the specific information we request below. It is not necessary to address every point; however, we can most effectively help you if you provide us with as many details as possible.

- What would you like to know? Be as specific as possible. Please explain acronyms or unusual terms.
- What resources have you already consulted? What were the results of those searches?
- Do you have suggestions for keywords, acronyms, synonyms, or phrases?
- If this question is for a class assignment, please identify the class, professor, and institution.

YOUR NAME (REQUIRED)

First Last

YOUR EMAIL (REQUIRED)

Enter Email Confirm Email

YOUR DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AFFILIATION (REQUIRED)

YOUR QUESTION(S). PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE AS MUCH OF THE DETAIL LISTED ABOVE AS POSSIBLE. (REQUIRED)



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