

# Justice and Community Safety Directorate

## Security and Protection

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The Security and Emergency Management Branch (SEMB) provides whole-of-government coordination on issues relating to security and emergency management across the ACT. The SEMB is part of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and works closely with all ACT Government directorates, ACT Policing/Australian Federal Police, and relevant interstate and federal agencies.

### **The SEMB is responsible for:**

- Whole of government coordination of the ACT's counter-terrorism arrangements.
- Creating a security culture across ACT Government through protective security policy and education.
- Whole-of-government coordination of critical infrastructure protection.
- Extending and maintaining Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems to improve community safety while ensuring the individual rights of ACT citizens are respected.
- Coordinating strategic policy advice on emergency management.

### **The ACT Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF)**

The Security and Emergency Management Branch (SEMB), in association with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS), has developed The ACT Government Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF).

The PSPF mandates all Directorates to take appropriate measures to protect their people, information and assets both here and abroad. **By utilising the PSPF, directorates can identify existing and emerging security risks and assist in the** protection of the ACT Government's employees, information and assets.

The ACT Government PSPF is designed to help Directorates:

- identify their levels of security risk tolerance;
- achieve the mandatory requirements for protective security expected by the ACT Government; and
- develop an appropriate security culture to securely meet their business goals.

These protective security mandates cover protective security governance (GOVSEC), personnel security

(PERSEC), information security (INFOSEC), and physical security (PHYSEC). The implementation of these policies and practices is to be based on a thorough risk assessment.

The ACT Government, through the Justice and Community Safety Directorate, will continue to develop and refine protective security policies that promotes the most effective and efficient ways to secure the continued delivery of ACT Government business.

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