



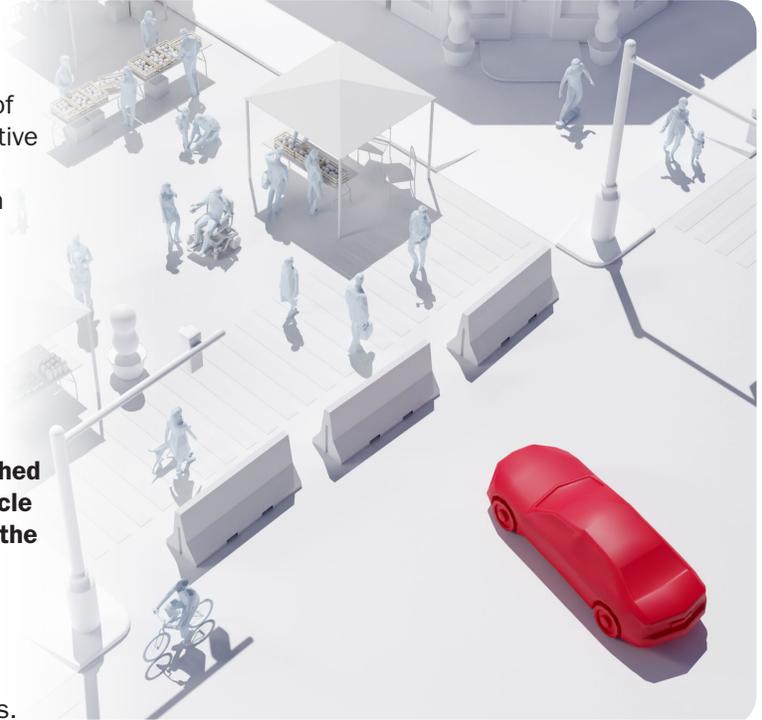
# VEHICLE RAMMING SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL OVERVIEW



The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides the critical infrastructure community with access to a Vehicle Ramming Self-Assessment Tool to evaluate potential vulnerabilities to a vehicle ramming attack. Leveraged as part of a comprehensive security strategy, the tool can inform cost-effective decision-making and support security capacity-building efforts. This is particularly important for public gathering locations and in preparation for special events.

The use of a vehicle as a weapon in an attack is not new. International and domestic violent extremists promote the use of vehicles as a weapon because it requires minimal capability and can have a devastating impact in crowded places. In many circumstances, there are few or no observable indicators, which makes detecting a potential vehicle ramming attack plot more difficult. **According to the Homeland Threat Assessment<sup>1</sup> published in October 2020 by the Department of Homeland Security, vehicle ramming remains among the more probable attack methods in the United States.**

Although there are currently no credible or imminent threats to critical infrastructure or special events, CISA recommends that owners / operators leverage the tool to determine potential vulnerabilities and identify corresponding risk mitigation solutions.



## What is it?

The Vehicle Ramming Self-Assessment Tool is a web-based resource comprised of a series of simple questions that evaluate various components of a facility to assess potential vulnerabilities to a vehicle ramming attack. Based on responses, the tool provides recommended actions to reduce risk; it also includes access to a multitude of informational resources.

## Does the tool collect my information?

The tool is a standalone, downloadable resource that does not collect or store users' information. Once downloaded, the tool is fully operational solely on the user's computer.

## Can I save my data?

Users can export data several ways to help document a plan of action to address identified vulnerabilities.

## How does the tool work?

The tool contains a series of questions relating to the location of a facility and its accessibility. As users input answers to simple questions, the tool generates risk ratings for each area of interest. A prioritization scale is leveraged to allow the user to address areas of most consequence in sequence. The tool also allows users to develop a risk mitigation strategy based on selected vulnerabilities and corresponding protective measures.

## How can I access the tool?

Use the QR code or visit [cisa.gov/vehicle-ramming-attack-mitigation](https://cisa.gov/vehicle-ramming-attack-mitigation) to access the tool and other related resources.



<sup>1</sup> [dhs.gov/publication/2020-homeland-threat-assessment](https://dhs.gov/publication/2020-homeland-threat-assessment)