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Today, threats to the security of an organization can come from a variety of sources — from outside espionage to disgruntled employees and internet risks to utility failure. Reflecting the diverse and specialized nature of the security industry, **Security: An Introduction** provides an up-to-date treatment of a topic that has become increasingly complex as more vulnerabilities arise.

Philip P. Purpura, recently selected by *Security Magazine* as one of the Top 25 Most Influential People in the Security Industry, shares his 30-plus years of professional experience in the industry to provide basic theory and real-world methodologies that security practitioners can apply to scenarios they encounter.

*Topics discussed in this broad-based text include:*

- The history of security and the role of security professionals
- Terrorism and national strategies for homeland security
- Crime prevention through environmental design
- Violence, theft, and drugs in the workplace
- Insider threats, pre-employment screening, and executive and personnel protection
- The security of physical structures
- Threats to information security, including malware and botnets; and risks to proprietary information and communication
- Security law and liabilities
- Investigations, interrogations, and surveillance
- Risk management, threats from natural disasters, and business continuity/enterprise resilience
- Critical infrastructures and key national resources
- The future of security technology

Utilizing real-world examples, each chapter begins with learning objectives and a list of key terms and ends with discussion questions, role-playing exercises, and links to relevant websites. The book offers readers a foundation for understanding and implementing best practices for security to more effectively protect people, assets, and organizations.

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