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## Protective Intelligence: Threat Assessment and Management Considerations

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Protection of leadership is a crucial aspect of any organization's harm prevention efforts. Recent shifts in global culture, societal expectations, and access to information are transforming the threatscape at a startling speed, resulting in the rapid growth of protective intelligence programs to protect leadership. Protective intelligence uses a holistic, behavior-based threat assessment methodology to identify, investigate, assess, and mitigate potential threats against an organization's leadership. It expands the focus beyond investigating communicated threats to identifying and investigating concerning behaviors within a behavioral threat assessment framework. This results in an improved capability of identifying and mitigating threats. To achieve this goal, protective intelligence programs require a commitment from the organization's leadership, an awareness campaign to educate the workforce and encourage their reporting of any suspicious or concerning behavior, and a professional and well-trained team of protective intelligence investigators, analysts, and threat assessors.