# New ASIS Research Finds Nearly One in Three Security Professionals Lack Confidence in Emergency Headcounts

*FacilityOS-sponsored research finds security professionals have less visibility into visitors and contractors than employees.*

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, September 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Thirty-two percent of security professionals are not confident their organization could account for everyone onsite during an emergency, while only 18 percent are completely confident, according to new ASIS International benchmarking research sponsored by FacilityOS.

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The study, Excelling at Security Controls and Visibility, finds that organizations have grown effective at keeping unauthorized people out while struggling to maintain real-time awareness of who is legitimately inside, a gap that is widest for visitors and contractors.

The research, produced by ASIS International Security Issues Research and fielded in May 2026, drew 942 responses from security practitioners and consultants across more than a dozen industries. Nearly half are director level or above, and 80 percent are responsible for more than one facility. Findings cited here come from the practitioner survey, which carries a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

Access control measures are effective: nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of respondents reported fewer than one unauthorized access incident per week, regardless of facility size. However, this perimeter strength highlights the more pressing issue: maintaining an up-to-date account of who is inside a facility at any given time.

Accountability inside the facility is a different story, and it is a daily condition rather than an emergency-only one. Only 41 percent of security professionals said they know all visitors in a facility, where they are, and when they leave.

The gap widens for non-employees: 66 percent were completely or mostly confident they could

quickly reach staff in an emergency, compared with 53 percent for visitors and contractors.

Visitor management is a persistent challenge. Seventy-two percent of security professionals want to improve their organization's visitor management processes.

"The report validates the value our solutions bring to security leaders, as almost two-thirds stated a desire to improve their capabilities in visitor and contractor management." said Ariel Mashiyev, Chairman and CEO at FacilityOS. "In addition, only 18% are completely confident they can account for everyone onsite during an emergency. That kind of confidence gap is what we're built to close."

"Security controls and visibility are foundational to the profession, and this benchmarking gives practitioners a clear read on where the field stands today," said Scott Briscoe, Content Development Director at ASIS International. "The findings show organizations have made real progress on access control, while pointing to where visibility still needs to improve, particularly in knowing who is inside a facility and being able to account for them."

The same gap extends to materials, not just people: more than one-third of security professionals said their organizations have no set process for tracking high-value or otherwise important inbound packages.

Excelling at Security Controls and Visibility is available now.

FacilityOS is demonstrating solutions for security leaders at the GSX Global Security Exchange in Atlanta, Georgia, September 14-16, at booth 1833.

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Notes to editors
Fielded May 2026 by ASIS International Security Issues Research, sponsored by FacilityOS. Two instruments were used: a practitioner survey (506 completions, ±4 percent at 95 percent confidence) and a separate consultant survey (131 completions, ±9 percent, directional rather than statistically significant). Total responses across both: 942. Some figures do not sum to 100 percent due to rounding. Because the survey was promoted as a security controls and visibility study to an ASIS member audience, respondents may skew toward more advanced practitioners than the profession overall.

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