

ATAP Certification Program
Body of Knowledge
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The list of resources listed under Section I are the basis for questions on the Certified Threat Manager exam. Those resources listed under Section II are considered valuable additional resources to be aware of and consider reading.

The books listed in Section I are available through online bookstores such as Amazon, while the other materials may be available through online resources or directly on the ATAP website under the Certification tab. Please go to www.atapworldwide.org for some links to these publications.

Section I. Question Source Reading List

- Babiak, P., & Hare, R. D. (2019). *Snakes in Suits: When psychopaths go to work* (Revised and Updated). New York, NY: Regan Books/HarperCollins.
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- Cawood, J. S., & Corcoran, M. H. (2020). *Violence assessment and intervention: The practitioner's handbook* (Third). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press
- Handbook of violence risk assessment*. (K. S. Douglas & R. K. Otto, Eds.) (Second). (2020). New York, NY: Routledge.
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Section I, continued. The following publications are available online, most for no cost. These resources are also the basis of questions on the certification exam.

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Association of Threat Assessment Professionals. (2024). *Risk assessment guideline elements for violence*. California.

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals. (2020). *ATAP code of ethical conduct*. Sacramento, CA.

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Section II. Additional Reading List

The following are sources the Certification Committee reviewed and believe are valuable works with which threat assessment professionals should have a working knowledge. No exam questions were taken from these sources.

ASIS International. (2020). *Workplace Violence and Active Assailant-Prevention, Intervention, and Response (WVPI AA)* : American National Standard . Arlington, VA.

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Borum, R., & Verhaagen, D. (2006). *Assessing and managing violence risk in juveniles*. New York, NY: The Guilford Press.

- Deisinger, G., Randazzo, M., O'Neill, D., & Savage, J. (2008). *The handbook for campus threat assessment & management teams*. Stoneham, MA: Applied Risk Management.
- Dutton, D. G. (2006). *Rethinking domestic violence*. Vancouver, British Columbia: UBC Press
- Meloy, J. R., Sheridan, L., & Hoffman, J. (2008). *Stalking, threatening, and attacking public figures: A psychological and behavioral analysis*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Melton, G. B., Petrila, J., Poythress, N. G., & Slobogin, C. (2007). *Psychological evaluations for the courts: A handbook for mental health professionals and lawyers*. New York, NY: The Guilford Press.
- Simon, R. I., & Tardiff, K. (2008). *Textbook of violence assessment and management*. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc.
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- Borum, R., Fein, R., Bossekuil, B., & Berglund, J. (1999). Threat assessment: Defining an approach for evaluating risk of targeted violence. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 17(3), 327-337.
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