### **RISK MATRIX**

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# 10 risks that are growing for entities in the public sector.

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#### **VIOLENT EVENTS •**

Workers in the public sector face unique risks. According to the National Safety Council, violence is the second leading cause of



death among government workers.



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**CYBER ATTACKS** • Ransomware attacks against public systems are becoming popular amongst hackers and can shutter municipal courts and leave residents

unable to access public services. Additionally, many hackers demand ransom to release encrypted systems.

**COVID-19 RECOVERY •** Public entities should proactively plan for how to adapt to the new



"normal" so they can support their communities and also comply with guidelines or executive orders set at the local. state. and federal levels.

**HEALTH RISKS** •

Particularly now, as the ramifications of COVID-19 are being felt, public entities must manage potential health risks to their employees.



## **PRIVACY PROTECTION**

**LEGISLATION** • *Privacy* protection legislation, like GDPR, may result in public entities facing potential violations that could reach into the millions of dollars.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT • An estimated 10% of K–12 students will experience sexual misconduct by a school employee by the time they graduate from high school. To help prevent these incidents, schools must comply with Title IX, which outlines guidelines for prevention efforts and response.

#### **INCREASED LITIGATION** • An increase in lawsuits stemming



from employment-related charges and "reviver" statutes, which allow legal claims of sexual abuse that formerly expired to proceed, could put public entities at risk for more claims, which may result in large verdicts or settlements.

# **FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Distracted driving, impaired driving and a critical shortage of driving **labor** are all factors that make fleet risk management in the public sector critical.

**BULLYING** • According to a recent report, during the 2016-17 school year, 20 percent of students reported being bullied, with 15 percent of those students being bullied via web/text. Bullying can lead to decreased academic achievement as well as depression, anxiety, and suicide.

**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES •** 

An estimated 283,000 children seek care in U.S. emergency departments each year for a sports- or recreation-related traumatic brain injury. Activities with the highest number of SRR-TBI visits included: football, bicycling, basketball, playground activities and soccer.

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