

Terrorism and Disaster

Individual and Community Mental Health Interventions

There is widespread belief amongst clinicians that terrorism (and torture) produce the highest rates of psychiatric sequelae of all the types of disaster and, further, that the traumatic effects of terrorism are not limited to the direct victims alone; they extend to families, helpers, communities, and even regions far from the affected site. This new book follows on from Ursano et al.'s earlier title *Individual and Community Responses to Trauma and Disaster* to expand the focus on terrorism as a particular type of disaster.

The authors and editors assembled here represent the world's experts in their respective fields, and together they examine the effects of terrorism, assessing lessons learned from recent atrocities such as 9/11, the Tokyo sarin attack, and the Omagh bombing. Issues of prevention, individual and organizational intervention, the effect of leadership, the effects of technological disasters, and bioterrorism/contamination are all examined in detail. This is essential reading for all professionals working in trauma and disaster planning.

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