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What are Assets?

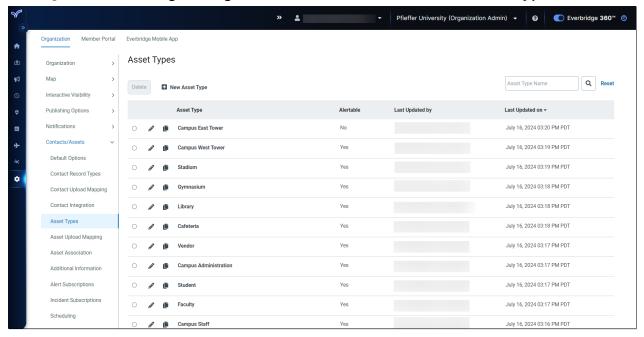
Assets are the physical or virtual entities that your Organization cares about other than contacts. If applicable, the **Contacts/Assets** > **Assets** > **Assets** List is where you can add and maintain Assets.

NOTE: If your Organization previously had Visual Command Center (VCC Assets) and/or Safety Connection (SC Buildings) and it has implemented Asset Management, your Assets are automatically migrated to the Manager Portal. After migration, going forward, you will manage Assets from the Manager Portal, Secure FTP, and the Asset Management REST APIs.



Asset Types

You must define an Asset Type before adding Assets to it. Asset Types are managed from Settings > Organization > Contacts/Assets > Asset Types.



The following are the Asset templates:

- SC Building (Safety Connection Building, if applicable)
- Facility
- Person
- Mobile Unit
- Other

Standard attributes vary depending on the selected Asset template. These default attributes cannot be edited or removed.

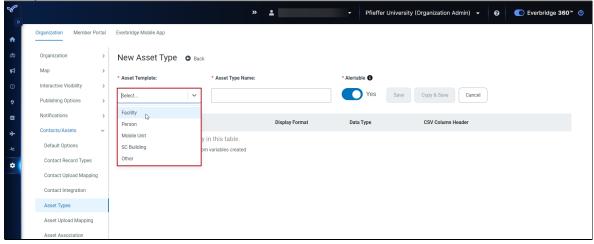
Add New Asset Type

To add a new Asset Type:

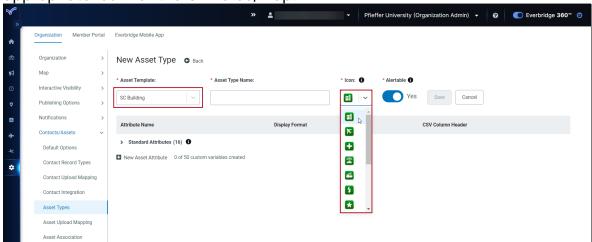
- 1. From Settings > Organization > Contacts/Assets, select Asset Type.
- 2. Click New Asset Type.
- 3. Select the desired Asset Template from the drop-down list. Asset Templates are predefined templates with specific standard attributes based on the



template selected.



- 4. Give the Asset Type a name.
- 5. If the Safety Connection Building Asset type was selected, you can select an appropriate icon for the Universe/Map.



- 6. Toggle on **Alertable** if you want Visual Command Center to generate alerts when Assets of this type may be at risk.
- 7. Click Save.

NOTE: An Organization can only have **one** Asset Type for Safety Connection Buildings. This is because it can have contacts associated with it.

Edit an Asset Type

To edit an Asset Type:

- 1. From the Settings tab, select Organization > Contacts/Assets > Asset Type.
- 2. Click the **Pencil** icon of the Asset Type you want to change. The **Edit Asset Type** dialog is displayed.

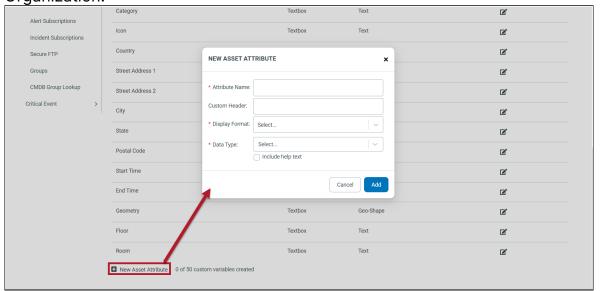


- 3. Make the desired changes, including creating custom attributes (see Create a Custom Asset Attribute).
- 4. Click Save.

Create a Custom Asset Attribute

To create a Custom Asset Attribute:

 Click New Asset Attribute to add a custom attribute. The number of custom attributes will vary depending on what has been provisioned for your Organization.



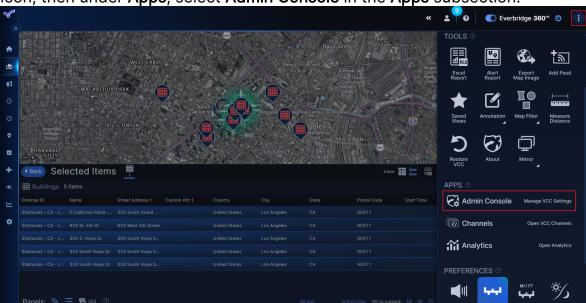
- 2. Fill in the Attributes:
 - Attribute Name
 - Custom Header
 - Display Format
 - Textbox
 - Single Selection List
 - Multiple Selection List
 - Data Type
 - Text
 - Boolean
 - Whole Number
 - Decimal Number
 - Date
 - URL
 - Include Help Text Select the checkbox to include Help Text, if needed. Then enter the Help Text in the field. Currently, the Help Text displays only on the Edit Custom Attribute dialog. Click Add.
- 3. Click Save.
- 4. Click the Back link to return to the list of Asset Types.



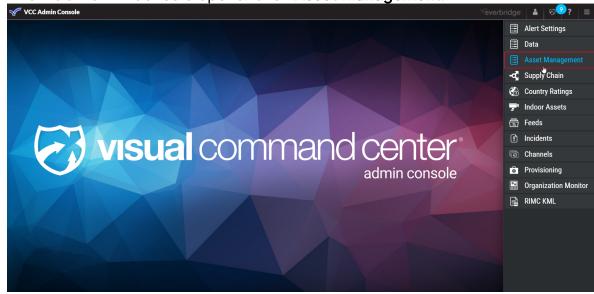
Manage Data Settings

To manage data settings for an Asset Type:

1. From the Visual Command Center Operator Console, click the kebab menu icon, then under **Apps**, select **Admin Console** in the **Apps** subsection.

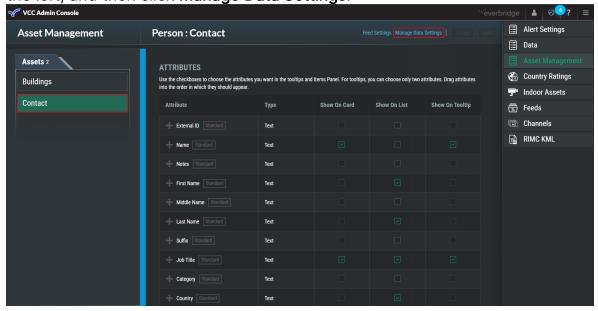


2. The VCC Admin Console opens. Click Asset Management.



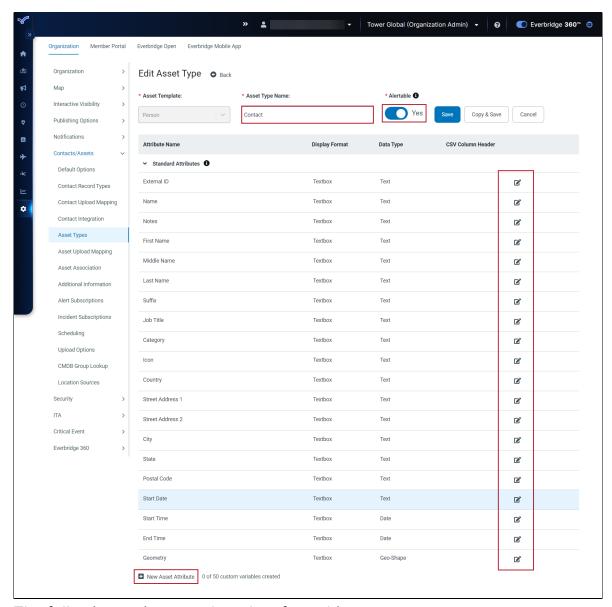


3. The **Asset Management** page opens. Choose an Asset Type from the list to the left, and then click **Manage Data Settings**.



4. The **Edit Asset Type** page for the selected Asset opens in the Manager Portal.





The following actions can be taken from this page:

- Edit Asset Type Name
- Set as Alertable (Yes/No)
- Edit CSV Column Headers for individual Attributes
- Add or edit custom Asset Attributes
 - NOTE: Standard Attributes are inherited from the Asset Template and cannot be edited or removed.
- 5. Click Save once the desired changes have been made.

View an Asset Type and Its Attributes

To view an Asset Type and its attributes:

1. From Settings > Organization > Contacts/Assets, select Asset Type.



- 2. Click the name of the Asset Type to view details.
- 3. Click **Standard Attributes** to view the attribute name, display format, and data type.
- 4. Click the Back button to return to the list of Asset Types.

Delete Custom Attributes

You can delete a custom attribute that is not being used by an Asset. However, if at least one Asset has the value populated for the Custom Attribute, you are not allowed to delete it. Instead, you see the **Custom Attribute Cannot Be Deleted** dialog, where the body of the message explains "Custom attribute cannot be deleted as one or more Assets are using this."

- 1. Select the Trash Bin of the Custom Attribute to be deleted.
- 2. Click Confirm.



Adding Assets to Your Everbridge Suite Organization

Once the configuration options are completed, you can begin adding Assets to the Everbridge. Assets can be added individually or through an upload process.

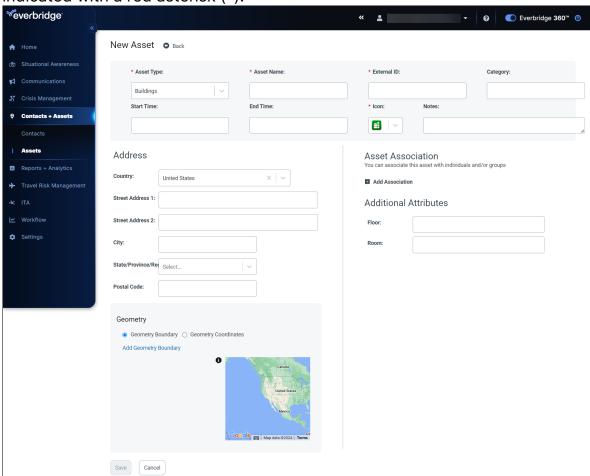
You can also edit and delete Assets individually or through an upload process.

Adding Individual Assets

To add a new Asset:

1. Navigate to Contacts/Assets > Assets > New Asset.

2. The **New Asset** dialog is displayed. Fill in the fields. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).



- 3. Enter the Asset's address information.
- 4. Add a Geometry Boundary or Coordinates if applicable.
- 5. If this Asset is associated with specific individuals or groups, configure them by clicking **Add Association**. See <u>Asset Associations</u> for more details.



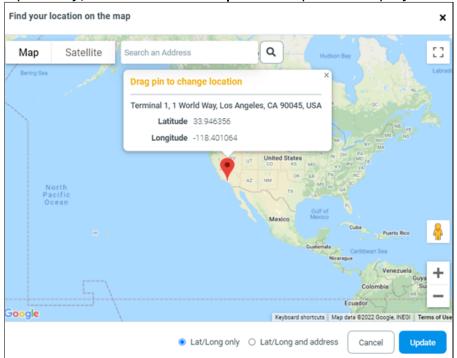
- 6. Fill in any desired information in the Additional Attributes section. For example, for greater granularity, you can specify individual floors and rooms when adding a Building Asset.
- 7. Click Save.

View or update an Address Location

To view or update an address location:

- 1. Click the Pencil icon of the desired Asset.
- 2. As needed, update the Address.
- 3. Select the **Geometry Coordinates** radio button.
 - Geometry Boundary will not be displayed/visualized on Everbridge Suite's Universe/Map components. Geometry Boundary will be displayed in Visual Command Center (if applicable) for visualization and alerting purposes. When drawing a circular boundary from the Select Shapes dialog, the radius, and miles are displayed when you draw or select the circle.
- 4. Select the Suggested Address. When the suggested address is selected, the Lat/Long are repopulated.





- If you move the pin, using the radio button options, you can select whether you want the Lat/Long updated only or both the Lat/Long and address updated.
- 7. Click Update.
- 8. Click Save after editing the Asset.



Uploading Assets

Backing Up Your Assets File by Asset Type

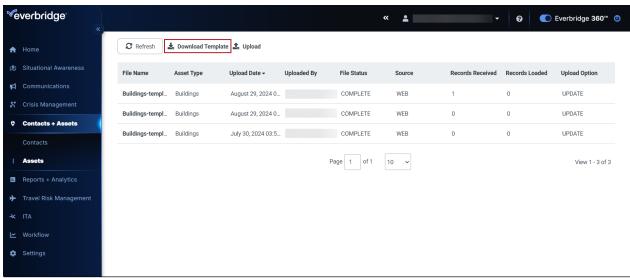
Before uploading an Assets file using either the web-based interface or via SFTP, Everbridge recommends making a backup of your current files. Follow the procedure below.

To make a backup of your current Assets file:

- From Contacts/Assets > Assets, select the desired Asset Type from the drop-down list. A list of Assets is displayed by the selected Asset Type.
- 2. Click **Download** to generate a CSV file of all Assets per selected Asset Type.
 - In the event that you need to revert to this data file, note that you have it available on your desktop.
- 4. Repeat Steps 1 through 3 for each Asset Type that you want to backup.

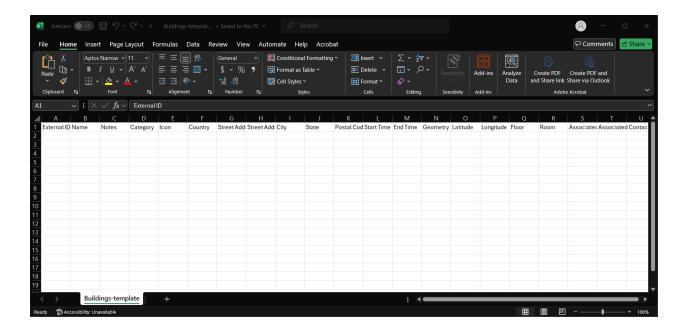
Preparing Your Assets CSV File for Upload

Assets are uploaded via a CSV file. You can download the specific Asset template by clicking **Download Template** from **Contacts/Assets** > **Upload Assets**.



The specific template contains the required column headers for your file. The following is an example of the Building-template.csv file.





Standard Attributes of the Asset Template

The following table provides details about the column headings, from left to right, in the Asset template for the CSV file. The column headings must not be changed. If you use your own spreadsheet, then ensure your column headings use the exact case-sensitive spelling and spaces.

Standard attributes vary depending on the selected Asset Type. These default attributes cannot be edited or removed.

Field	Required	Comments
External ID	Yes	Client-defined unique identifier for the Asset record. Maximum Length: 200 Data Type: String Cell cannot be empty Value must be unique in file NOTE: If two records have the same External ID, only the latest record is inserted in the Asset list.
Name	Yes	Client-defined unique identifier for the Asset. Minimum Length: 1, Maximum Length: 200



		Data Type: String Cell cannot be empty
Notes	No	Maximum Length: 2,000 Data Type: String
Category	No	Minimum Length: 1, Maximum Length: 200 Data Type: String
Icon	Yes ###################################	NOTE: If you do not enter an icon number, or you enter an invalid value, Icon 1, Office, is used. The following types of Safety Connection assets, from top to bottom, correspond with the icons to the left: 1Office 2Airport 3Hospital 4Police/Sheriff Station 5Fire Station 6Power Plant 7Your location of Interest (generic) 8Bank 9Data Center 10Manufacturing Plant 11Prison/Jail 12Retail Store/Restaurant 13Meeting Room NOTE: These icons are valid only for the Safety Connection Asset Type. Currently, Visual Command Center icons are managed in the Visual Command Center Admin Console.



Country	No NOTE: You can provide either a full address and the latitude/longitude is automatically geo-coded, or you can provide the latitude/longitude.	ISO Alpha-2 country code, ISO Alpha-3 country code, full name (The country code is then converted to Alpha-2 for storage.) Data Type: String Country name is in the ISO country list For Latitidue/Longitude, only Decimal Degrees (DD) are supported
Street Address 1	No NOTE: You can provide either a full address and the latitude/longitude is automatically geo-coded, or you can provide the latitude/longitude.	Maximum Length: 200 Data Type: String
Street Address 2	No NOTE: You can provide either a full address and the latitude/longitude is automatically geocoded, or you can provide the latitude/longitude.	Maximum Length: 200 Data Type: String
City	No	City name Maximum Length: 100 Data Type: String For US addresses, jurisdiction name below county level
State	No	Administrative level below county level Maximum Length: 100 Data Type: String

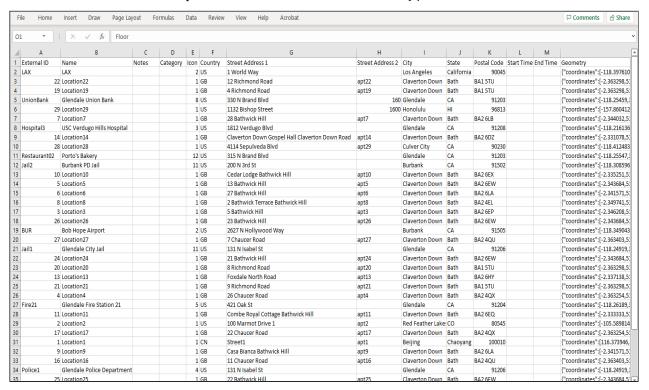


		For US addresses, Everbridge recommends full State name, e.g., "California"
Postal Code	No	Maximum Length: 20
Start Time	No	Select the date and change the time from the Calendar icon.
End Time	No	Select the date and change the time from the Calendar icon.
Geometry	No NOTE: If Geometry has a value, then it will be used as the Asset Geometry. Otherwise, Latitude/Longitude is used.	Expected format is GeoJSON or WKT in uploads.
Latitude	No	Expected Latitude value is a number Data Type: String Not validated for client jurisdiction Only Decimal Degrees (DD) are supported Minimum Value: -90.0000000000 Maximum Value: 90.00000000000
Longitude	No	Expected Longitude value, including negative sign, is a number Data Type: String Not validated for client jurisdiction Only Decimal Degrees are supported Minimum Value: -180.0000000000 Maximum Value: 180.00000000000



Floor	No	For Safety Connection Asset Type only Floor number Maximum Length: 20 Data Type: String
Room	No	For Safety Connection Asset type only Room number Maximum Length: 20 Data Type: String

The following is an example CSV file downloaded from **Contacts/Assets > Upload Assets > Download Template** from a selected Asset Type.



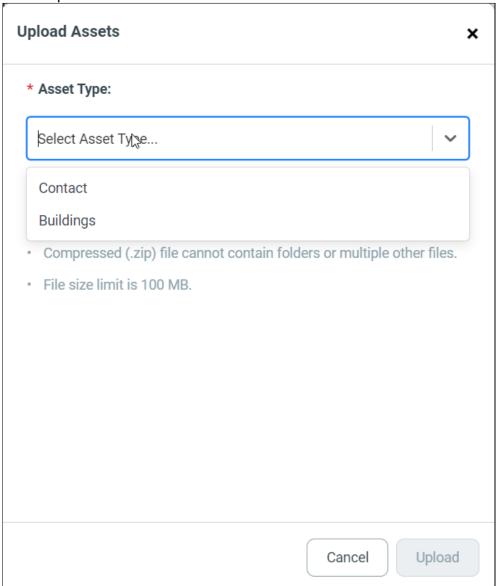
Uploading Your Assets CSV File

After you have prepared your CSV file using the corresponding download template from your selected Asset Type, you can upload it. You can upload or delete Assets using the following procedure.

To upload your assets using the web-based interface:



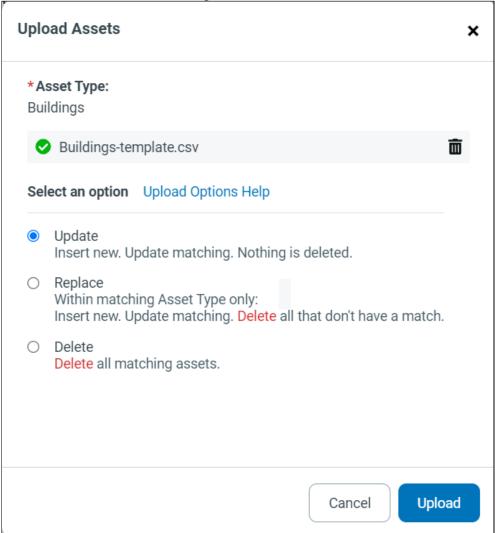
- From Contacts+Assets > Assets > Upload Assets page, select the Upload button.
- 2. The **Uploads Assets** dialog is displayed. Select the desired Asset Type from the drop-down list.



- 3. Click Select a File.
- 4. From the Open dialog, select the desired Assets file and click Open.
 - Acceptable files are .csv, tar.gz, or compressed (.zip) .csv file.
 - The compressed (.zip) file cannot contain folders or multiple other files.
 - Otherwise, the **Invalid File Type** message appears in the Upload Assets dialog.
- 5. Select an option:
 - **Update** Insert new, update matching. Nothing is deleted.
 - **Replace** Within matching Asset Type only. Insert new. Updating matching. Delete all that do not have a match.



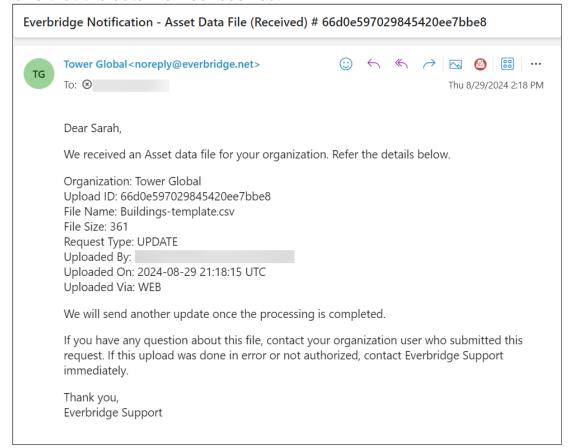
• Delete - Delete all matching Assets.



6. Click **Upload**. You'll receive two automated emails:

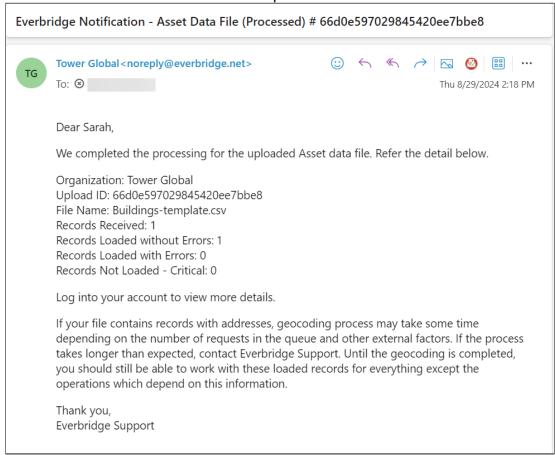


• One that the data file was received.





Another that the data file has been processed.



- 7. Click **Refresh**, then look at the **Records Received** and **Records Loaded** columns.
- 8. Select the desired CSV file name.
 - Loaded without error Records loaded normally.
 - Loaded with error Records where non-required field(s) had something incorrect, but there was enough good information to load them anyway.
 If needed, return to the CSV file and fix the issues before uploading again.
 - Not loaded critical error Records that had errors so severe that they
 were not loaded. Return to the CSV file and fix the issues before
 uploading again.
- 9. If your **CSV loaded with error(s)**, select the corresponding tab and read the error message(s). Click Download to generate a list of Asset records that were loaded with errors for troubleshooting purposes. If needed, return to the Asset CSV file and fix the issues before uploading again.
- 10. If your **CSV was not loaded critical error(s)**, select the corresponding tab and read the error message. These are records that have errors so severe that they were not loaded. Click **Download** to generate a list of Asset records that were not loaded critical error for troubleshooting purposes. Return to the Asset CSV file and fix the issues before uploading again.



Uploading an Assets Data File Via Secure FTP

With the Asset Secure FTP (File Transfer Protocol) upload, the Asset Type name is inferred from the filename (to know which Asset Type to which this upload belongs). The filename should start with the Asset Type name, followed by the suffix directly, or followed by the triple underscore with anything additional. For example, if "Airport" is the Asset Type name, Everbridge supports:

- Airport.csv
- Airport___.csv
- Airport___1.csv

By configuring your computer and Secure FTP software to work together, you can programmatically submit the CSV file containing your Asset records. The computer system needs to add the data file in the location configured in the Secure FTP software. The Secure FTP software is scripted to perform the transfer.

To submit an Assets data file via Secure FTP:

- 1. First, make a backup of your current Assets data file.
- From the Settings tab at the Organization level, select Contacts / Assets > Upload Options (or, from the Settings tab at the Account level, select Security > Secure FTP), and configure your system to add an Assets file in the Everbridge format. See the Organization Administrator Guide or the Account Administrator Guide for more details.
- 3. You then script or schedule software that supports Secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) to upload your file to Everbridge. With your IT department, perform the steps in the procedure To use Secure FTP to upload CSV data files.
 - NOTE: Download the Access Instructions to prepare and test your connection to the Everbridge Secure FTP Server as well as to encrypt your Contact data at the file level using PGP or GPG in addition to the standard encryption in transit (SSL or TLS) provided by Everbridge.

The Access Instructions are intended to guide you in exploring and testing the Everbridge Secure FTP connectivity. They do not provide instructions for developers since Everbridge does not know which tool your organization uses to develop your FTP client. Contact your IT department regarding third-party tools and/or any source code for interfacing with an FTP server.

- 4. Prepare your data file. (See Preparing Your Assets CSV File for Upload.)
- 5. Ask your IT department to configure your computer system and Secure FTP software.



- 6. The Secure FTP software is scripted to perform the transfer. On the server, from the directory "cem_asset", use the following subfolders as destinations for your asset data file:
 - Update equivalent of the UPDATE option on the Uploads page
 - Delete equivalent of the DELETE option on the Uploads page
 - Replace equivalent of the REPLACE option on the Uploads page
- 7. When the data file is transferred:
 - For Assets from Contacts/Assets > Assets, perform Steps 5-7 of the procedure <u>Uploading Your Assets CSV File</u>.



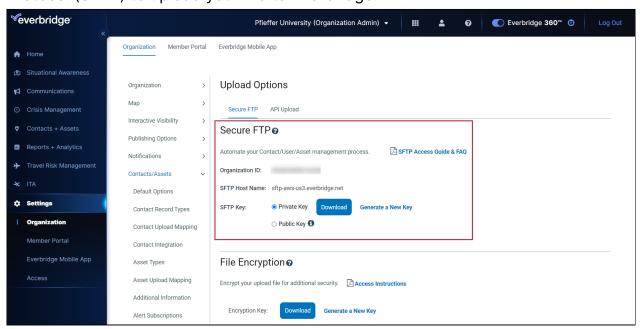
Upload Options

There are several ways to add contacts to Everbridge Suite from **Organization Settings** > **Contacts and Groups** (or **Contacts/Assets**) > **Upload Options**:

- Fill in a form for a single contact and save it to the database.
- Use a data file containing many contacts and upload it to the database.
- Configure another system to automatically add a file containing a number of contacts and upload it to the Everbridge database.

Secure FTP

Most Organizations use bulk upload methods to add and manage many contacts at once. One way to automate the upload is through the Everbridge Manager Portal. You configure your system to add a contact upload file in the Everbridge format. You then script or schedule software that supports **Secure File Transfer Protocol** (SFTP) to upload your file to Everbridge.

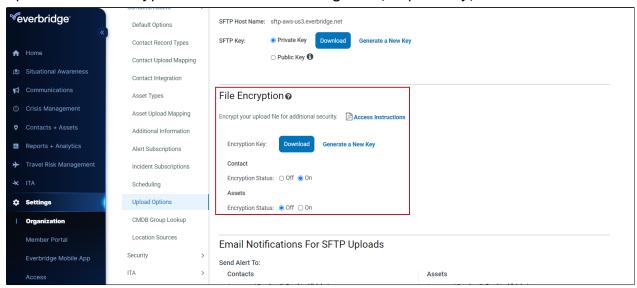


Using an automated system saves time and helps to prevent errors. You can use the Secure FTP software to manually upload files. This allows you to test your connection to Everbridge and make sure that your system is configured properly. If you are going to upload files manually, there is no advantage to using Secure FTP software instead of uploading through the Manager Portal.



File Encryption

File Encryption provides a standard encryption method (such as PGP) to generate encryption keys. The same encryption key can be used for both Contact and Asset uploads. The encryptions can be utilized together, separately, or not at all.



By configuring your computer system and Secure FTP software to work together, they can automatically add and install contact data updates. The computer system needs to add and place the data file in the location configured in the Secure FTP software. The Secure FTP software is scripted to perform the transfer.

FTP instructions are not provided in this document. If you have questions about using FTP, contact your IT department or your Client Services representative.

NOTE: Only .gpg files are supported for Asset Data.

To use File Encryption for additional security:

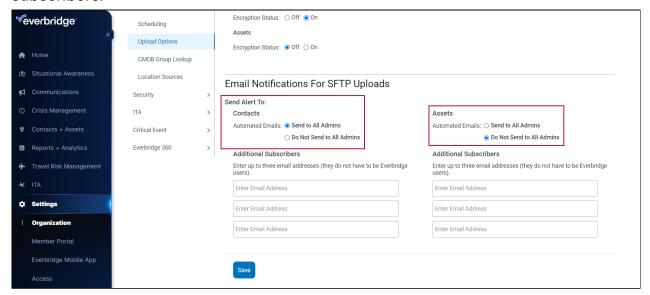
- From the Organization tab, select Contacts and Groups or Contacts/Assets > Upload Options.
- 2. From the File Encryption pane, set the Encryption Status radio button to On.
- Click Download Access Instructions.
- 4. Save the file to your desktop.
- 5. Follow the instructions from the downloaded file.

NOTE: If encryption is turned on in the Secure FTP settings and you want to upload a file that is not encrypted, you need to turn off encryption in the settings, then upload the file, and turn encryption back on.



Email Notifications for SFTP Uploads

Organization Administrators can configure which email addresses are subscribed to receive notifications when a new SFTP is complete. You can select **Send to All Admins** or **Do Not Send to All Admins**, which allows you to manually add additional subscribers.

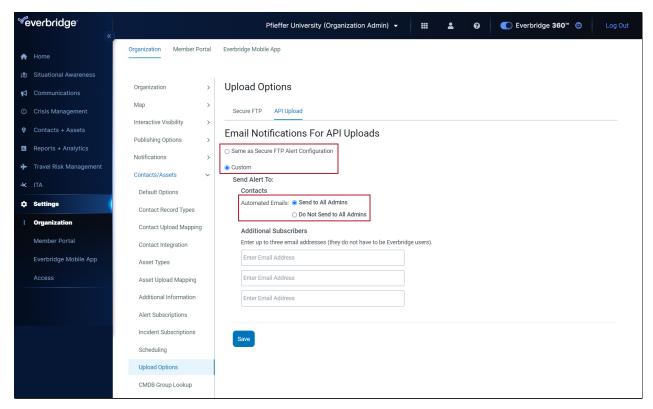


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Email Notifications For API Uploads

Organization Administrators can specify which email addresses will receive a notification whenever a new file is uploaded via API.





They can use the following options:

- Same as the Secure FTP Alert configuration
- Custom
 - Contacts:
 - Send to All Admins
 - Do Not Send to All Admins
 - Additional Subscribers: Enter up to three email addresses. Note that they don't have to be Everbridge users.

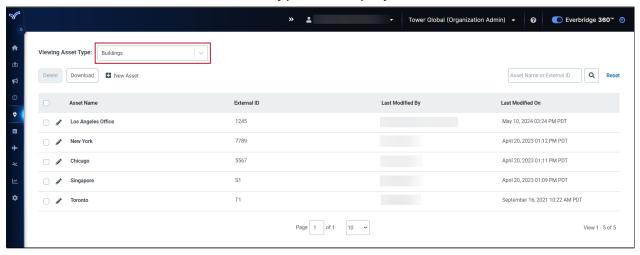


Managing Your Assets

To view your current list of assets by Asset Type:

- 1. From the Contacts/Assets tab, select Assets > Asset List.
- 2. From the Viewing Asset Type drop-down list, select the desired Asset Type.

The Assets for the selected Asset Type are displayed.



Perform the following tasks from this page:

- Edit an Asset.
- Delete Assets by Asset Type.
- Search for an Asset record by Asset Name or External ID.
- Add a new Asset individually.
- View the address location using the Geometry field in the record.
- Make a backup of your Asset file by Asset Type.

Editing an Asset

You can edit an existing Asset. The fields you can change are the same as when you create a new Asset.

To edit an Asset:

- 1. From the **Contacts/Assets** tab, select **Assets > Asset List**.
- 2. Click the **Pencil** icon of the asset you want to change. The Edit Asset dialog is displayed.
- 3. Make the desired changes.
- 4. Click Save.



Deleting Assets by Asset Type

You can delete Assets from your Organization's list of Assets. However, Everbridge recommends you also remove the desired Assets from your system of record to ensure your next upload does not overwrite your changes.

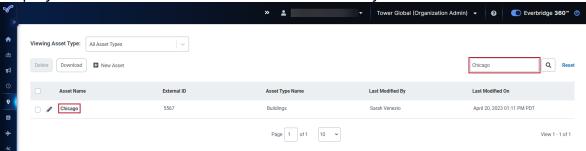
To delete assets by Asset Type:

- 1. Select the Asset Type from the drop-down list.
- 2. Select the checkbox for each Asset to be deleted.
- 3. Click the **Delete** button. The Delete Asset dialog is displayed.
- 4. Click Delete.

Searching for Assets

To search for Assets:

- 1. From the Assets subtab, in the **Search** field, find an Asset by searching for the Asset Name or External ID of the Asset.
- 2. Narrow your search by typing more characters in the Search field. The list displays Asset Names or External IDs that match your filter.





Asset Associations

Asset Associations can be created to:

- Associate Contacts or Groups with an Asset.
- Add Associations to Alert Workflow Incident Actions for dynamic Notifications.

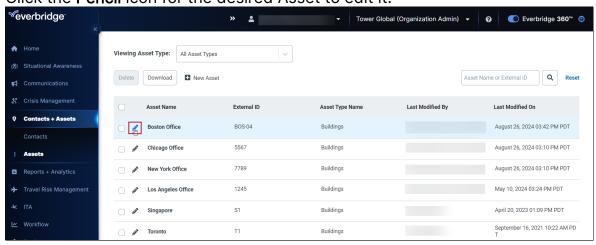
Create a New Asset Association Type

- 1. Log in to the Everbridge Manager Portal and select your Organization.
- 2. Navigate to Settings > Organization > Contacts/Assets > Asset Association.
- 3. Click New Asset Association.
- Add Association Label, e.g., Facility Security, District Manager, Regional Manager. This can be any you choose, but each must be unique across the org (no duplicates).
- 5. Click Save.

Link New Asset Association to Assets

To link the new Asset Association to an Asset:

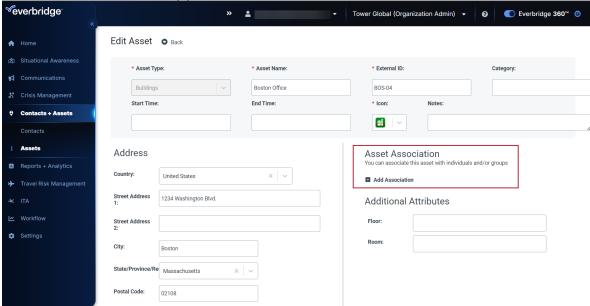
- 1. Navigate to **Assets > Asset List**.
- 2. Click the **Pencil** icon for the desired Asset to edit it.



 Associations can also be linked on the New Asset page when creating an Asset.



3. The Edit Asset modal appears. Select Add Association.

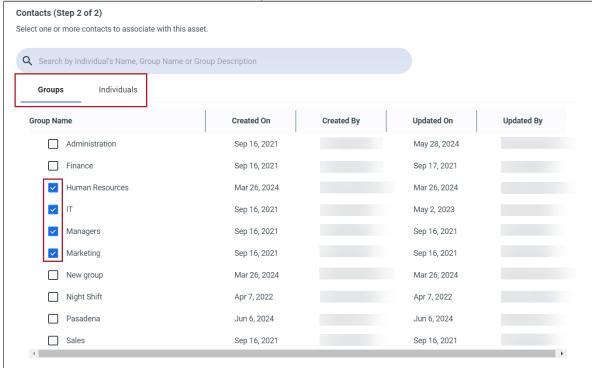


4. Select which type of association you want to define for the selected Asset by choosing an option from the **Association Definition** dropdown.

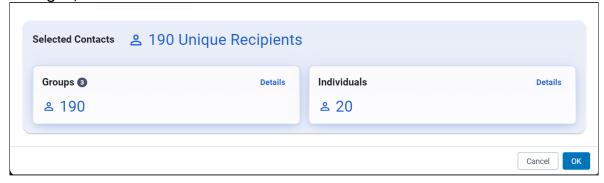




5. Choose Contacts or Contact Groups to associate with this Asset.

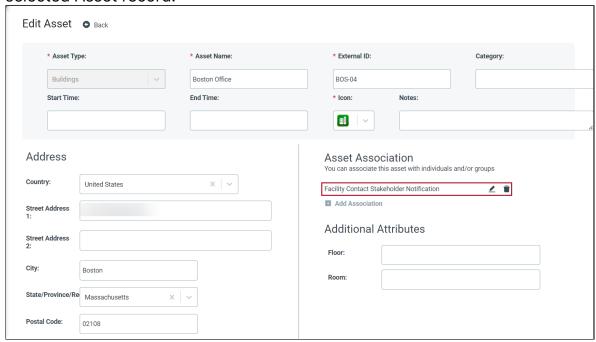


6. Check the preview of the targeted contacts and groups to make any needed changes, then click **OK**.





7. The new association will now appear in the **Asset Association** section on the selected Asset record.



Managing Asset Associations via File Upload

You can include your Asset-contact associations in your Asset file uploads. Once you have defined Asset Association types in your Organization, your Asset upload templates will include two new columns for each defined Association Type: one for **Contacts** and one for **Contact Groups**.

Data Format: Associated Contacts

For Associated Contacts, the expected format is a pipe ("|")-separated list of Contact external IDs

For example, the "Site Security" Asset Association comprises two individuals, whose contact records have the external IDs "EH1002" and

"Anne.Boyle@employee.com" respectively. Both Contacts will be included in "Facility Contact" communications when the associated Asset is affected.

Associated Contacts - Site Security EH1002 | Anne. Boyle@employee.com



Data Format: Associated Contact Groups

For Associated Groups, the expected format is a pipe-separated list of Group names.

For example, the "District Managers" Asset Association contains two contact groups: "District 9 Managers" and "District Oversight Committee". All Contacts in either of these Groups will be included in "Facility Contact" communications when the associated Asset is affected.

Associated Contact Groups - District Managers District 9 Managers | District Oversight Committee

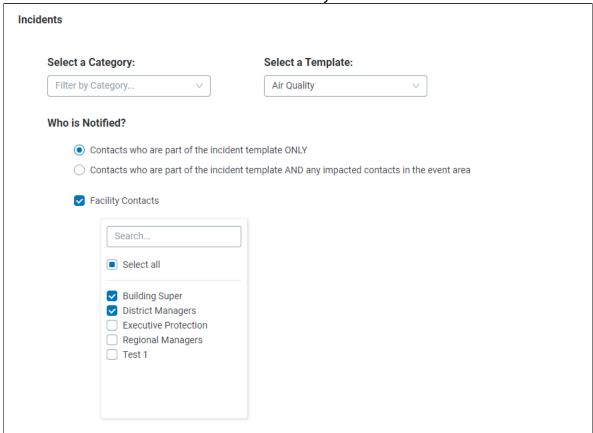


Using Asset Association in Alert Workflows

- 1. At the Organization level, navigate to **Workflow > CEM Orchestration**.
 - The above path isn't available when the Legacy UI is applied, so workflows can also be created and maintained from Settings > Everbridge Open > CEM Orchestration > Workflow List.
- 2. Select a specific Workflow, then click Actions.



3. Under **Incidents** you can select Facility Contacts to be added to your Incident Communications for the Assets affected by the alert.



View Associations in Visual Command Center Operator Console

To view Associations in the VCC Operator Console:

- 1. Navigate to **Situational Awareness** > **Visual Command Center**.
- 2. Access an Asset for which you've created an Asset Association and added at least one User or Group.



3. The Asset Associations configured for that Asset will be displayed. If no Asset Associations are configured the Association tab will not be displayed.

