



## Homeland Security Advisory System

- Federal departments and agencies would implement a corresponding set of **protective measures** to reduce **vulnerability** or increase **response** capability during a heightened alert.



## LOCAL RESPONSE

As alert status **INCREASES** there is a greater need for specific public education about threats and safety measures.

As alert status **DECREASES**, there is a greater need for public dialogue, coalition development, community scanning, and dialogue.

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## Threat Conditions and Protective Measures

### Low Condition (Green)

#### Department and Agencies

- Refine and exercise prearranged protective measures.
- Ensure personnel receive proper training on the HSAS and prearranged department/agency protective measures.
- Create a process to assess all facilities and regulated sectors for vulnerability to attack and institute measures to reduce vulnerability.

#### Community Members

- Develop a household disaster plan.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit.

## Threat Conditions and Protective Measures

### Guarded Condition (Blue )

#### Department and Agencies

- Check communications with designated emergency response or command locations.
- Review and update emergency response procedures.
- Provide public with appropriate information to strengthen protective measures.

#### Community Members

- Hold household meeting to review disaster plan.
- Update disaster supply kit.
- Develop a communications plan.
- Apartment residents should discuss emergency steps with building managers.
- People with special needs should discuss plans with friends and family.

## Threat Conditions and Protective Measures

### Elevated Condition (Yellow)

#### Department and Agencies

- Increase surveillance of strategic/critical locations.
- Coordinate emergency plans with appropriate jurisdictions.
- Assess whether threat requires refinement of prearranged protective measures.
- Implement appropriate contingency plans.

#### Community Members

- Be observant; report any suspicious activity to authorities.
- Contact neighbors to discuss their plans or needs.
- Check with school officials to assess their emergency planning and procedures to reunite children with parents/caregivers.
- Update household communication plan.

## Threat Conditions and Protective Measures

### High Condition (Orange)

#### Department and Agencies

- Coordinate security efforts with federal, state, and local law enforcement, National Guard, or other security and armed forces.
- Take additional precautions at public events, from moving to an alternative site to cancellation.
- Prepare to implement contingency procedures including moving to an alternative site and dispersing workforce.
- Restrict access to threatened facility to essential personnel.

#### Community Members

- Review preparedness measures for response to terrorist actions including chemical, biological, and radiological attacks.
- Avoid potential high-risk areas.
- Exercise caution when traveling.

## Threat Conditions and Protective Measures

### Severe Condition (Red)

#### Department and Agencies

- Direct personnel to address critical emergency needs.
- Assign emergency response personnel; mobilize specially trained teams and resources.
- Monitor, redirect, or close transportation systems.
- Close nonessential public and government facilities.

#### Community Members

- Avoid public gathering places, public gatherings, and other high-risk locations.
- Listen for and follow radio and TV advisories restricting activities.
- Contact employer regarding status of work.
- Prepare to take protective actions such as sheltering-in-place or evacuation.

## Programs and Resources

### Citizen Corps Councils

Provide a mechanism for local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats, and identifying local resources.

Website

[www.citizencorps.gov/programs/](http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/)



## Programs and Resources

### Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Provides support for resource-constrained police departments by incorporating civilian volunteers so that law enforcement professionals have more time for frontline duty.

Website

[www.policevolunteers.org](http://www.policevolunteers.org)



# Programs and Resources

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Trains people in neighborhoods, the workplace, and schools in basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, urban search and rescue, and medical operations, and helps them take a more active role in emergency preparedness.

### Website

<http://training.fema.gov>



# Programs and Resources

## Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Coordinates volunteer health professionals, as well as other citizens with an interest in health issues, to provide ongoing support for community public health needs and resources during large-scale emergencies.

### Website

[www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)



# RESOURCES



- Federal Emergency Management Agency [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)
- National Crime Prevention Council [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security [www.dhs.gov/dhspublic](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic)
- Neighborhood Watch [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org)
- American Red Cross [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- Business Health Services [www.bhsonline.com](http://www.bhsonline.com)
- World Health Organization [www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)

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