

# PUBLIC RESPONSE GUIDELINES

## Department of Public Safety

### Division of Protective Services

### Terrorist Threat Condition

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| Low Risk: Low risk of terrorism. Routine security is implemented to preclude routine criminal threats. |  |
|  | <b>Public Response Guidelines</b>  |
| <b>L<br/>O<br/>W<br/><br/>R<br/>I<br/>S<br/>K</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Continue to enjoy individual freedom. Participate freely in travel, work and recreational activities.</li> <li>◆ Be prepared for disasters and family emergencies. (See DEP - Dept. of Environmental Protection, DPH - Dept. of Public Health, and American Red Cross brochures.)</li> <li>◆ Develop a family emergency plan. (See DEP, DPH and American Red Cross brochures.)</li> <li>◆ Know how to turn off the power, gas and water to your house.</li> <li>◆ Know what hazardous materials are stored in your home and how to properly dispose of unneeded chemicals.</li> <li>◆ Support the efforts of your local emergency responders (firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical service).</li> <li>◆ Know what natural hazards are prevalent in your area and what measures you can take to protect your family.</li> </ul> |

| Guarded: General risk with no credible threats to specific targets |   |
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| Public Response Guidelines   |   |
| <b>G<br/>U<br/>A<br/>R<br/>D<br/>E<br/>D</b>                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Continue all precautions from lower Threat Level.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Continue normal activities but be watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal activity to local law enforcement.</li><li>◆ Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts.</li><li>◆ Review family emergency plans.</li><li>◆ Increase family emergency preparedness by purchasing supplies, food and storing water.</li><li>◆ Be familiar with local natural and technological (man made) hazards in your community.</li><li>◆ Increase individual or family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies.</li><li>◆ Update immunizations.</li><li>◆ Volunteer to assist and support the community emergency response agencies.</li></ul> |

| Elevated risk of terrorist attack but a specific region of the USA or target has <u>not</u> been identified. |   |
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| <b>E<br/>L<br/>E<br/>V<br/>A<br/>T<br/>E<br/>D</b>   | <p><b>Continue all precautions from lower Threat Level.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Continue normal activities, but report suspicious activities to local law enforcement agencies.</li><li>◆ Take a first aid class.</li><li>◆ Become active in your local Neighborhood Crime Watch program.</li><li>◆ Network with your family, neighbors and community for mutual support during a disaster or terrorist attack.</li><li>◆ Learn what critical facilities are located in your community and report suspicious activities at or near these sites.</li><li>◆ Attend your local emergency planning committee meeting to learn more about local hazards. (Call the city/town emergency manager to learn dates and locations of the meetings.)</li><li>◆ Increase individual or family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies.</li></ul> |

High Risk: Credible intelligence indicates that there is a high risk of a local terrorist attack but a specific target has not been identified.

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| <p><b>H<br/>I<br/>G<br/>H<br/><br/>R<br/>I<br/>S<br/>K</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Continue all precautions from lower Threat Level.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Resume normal activities but expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities.</li> <li>◆ Continue to monitor world and local events as well as local government threat advisories.</li> <li>◆ Report suspicious activities at or near critical facilities to state and local law enforcement agencies by calling 911.</li> <li>◆ Avoid leaving unattended packages or briefcases in public areas.</li> <li>◆ Inventory and organize emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family members. Reevaluate meeting location based on threat.</li> <li>◆ Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings, avoid placing yourself in a vulnerable situation and monitor the activities of your family members.</li> <li>◆ Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>S<br/>E<br/>V<br/>E<br/>R<br/>E</b></p> | <p><b>Continue all precautions from lower Threat Level.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Closely monitor news reports and Emergency Alert System radio/TV stations.</li><li>◆ Be suspicious of persons taking photographs of critical facilities, asking detailed questions about physical security or dressed inappropriately for weather conditions (suicide bomber). Report these incidents immediately to state and local law enforcement.</li><li>◆ Report suspicious activity and call 911 for immediate response.</li><li>◆ Avoid repeating unsubstantiated information and rumors.</li><li>◆ Expect delays, searches of purses and bags and restricted access to public buildings.</li><li>◆ Expect traffic delays and restrictions.</li><li>◆ Take personal security precautions to avoid becoming a victim of crime or terrorist attack.</li><li>◆ Avoid crowded public areas and gatherings.</li><li>◆ Do not travel into areas affected by the attack or to an expected terrorist target.</li><li>◆ Keep emergency supplies accessible and automobile tanks full.</li><li>◆ Be prepared to evacuate your home or shelter-in-place on order of local authorities.</li><li>◆ Assist neighbors who may need help.</li></ul> |
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