

HAZMAT Incident	A hazardous materials, or HAZMAT incident occurs when there is a spill or release of chemicals, gasoline, or other dangerous material.
Terrorist Attack	A terrorist attack is defined by the unlawful use or threat of force or violence by a person (or group) against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing governments.
Epidemic	A disease occurring suddenly in humans in a community, region or country in numbers clearly in excess of normal.
Pandemic	A disease outbreak that affects the global human population. Humans have little or no natural immunity against the disease organism (usually an influenza virus) and it spreads easily and rapidly between people.

Homeland Security Advisory System

A 5 color warning system used by the Department of Homeland Security. Beneath each Threat Condition are some suggested Protective Measures:

Green (Low Condition). This condition is declared when there is a low risk of terrorist attacks.

- Refining and exercising as appropriate preplanned Protective Measures;
- Ensuring personnel receive proper training on the Homeland Security Advisory System and specific preplanned department or agency Protective Measures; and
- Institutionalizing a process to assure that all facilities and regulated sectors are regularly assessed for vulnerabilities to terrorist attacks, and all reasonable measures are taken to mitigate these vulnerabilities.

Blue (Guarded Condition). This condition is declared when there is a general risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the Protective Measures taken in the previous Threat Condition:

- Checking communications with designated emergency response or command locations;
- Reviewing and updating emergency response procedures; and
- Providing the public with any information that would strengthen its ability to act appropriately.

Yellow (Elevated Condition). An Elevated Condition is declared when there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the Protective Measures taken in the previous Threat Conditions:

- Increasing surveillance of critical locations;
- Coordinating emergency plans as appropriate with nearby jurisdictions;
- Assessing whether the precise characteristics of the threat require the further refinement of preplanned Protective Measures; and

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- Implementing, as appropriate, contingency and emergency response plans.

Orange (High Condition). A High Condition is declared when there is a high risk of terrorist attacks. In addition to the Protective Measures taken in the previous Threat Conditions:

- Coordinating necessary security efforts with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies or any National Guard or other appropriate armed forces organizations;
- Taking additional precautions at public events and possibly considering alternative venues or even cancellation;
- Preparing to execute contingency procedures, such as moving to an alternate site or dispersing their workforce; and
- Restricting threatened facility access to essential personnel only.

Red (Severe Condition). A Severe Condition reflects a severe risk of terrorist attacks. Under most circumstances, the Protective Measures for a Severe Condition are not intended to be sustained for substantial periods of time. In addition to the Protective Measures in the previous Threat Conditions:

- Increasing or redirecting personnel to address critical emergency needs;
- Assigning emergency response personnel and pre-positioning and mobilizing specially trained teams or resources;
- Monitoring, redirecting, or constraining transportation systems; and
- Closing public and government facilities.