



Citizen Guidance on the Homeland Security Advisory System

Risk of Attack	Recommended Actions for Citizens
 GREEN Low Risk	- Develop a family emergency plan. Share it with family and friends, and practice the plan. Visit www.Ready.gov for help creating a plan - Create an "Emergency Supply Kit" for your household - Be informed. Visit www.Ready.gov or obtain a copy of "Preparing Makes Sense, Get Ready Now" by calling 1-800-BE-READY - Know how to shelter-in-place and how to turn off utilities (power, gas, and water) to your home - Examine volunteer opportunities in your community, such as Citizen Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch or others, and donate your time - Consider completing an American Red Cross CPR or first aid course, or Community Emergency Response Team course
 BLUE Guarded Risk	- Complete recommended steps at level green - Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated - Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities
 YELLOW Elevated Risk	- Complete recommended steps at levels green and blue - Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready - Check telephone numbers in family emergency plan and update as necessary - Develop alternate routes to/from work or school and practice them - Continue to be alert for suspicious activity and report it to authorities
 ORANGE High Risk	- Complete recommended steps at lower levels - Exercise caution when traveling, pay attention to travel advisories - Review your family emergency plan and make sure all family members know what to do - Be Patient. Expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions at public buildings - Check on neighbors or others that might need assistance in an emergency
 RED Severe Risk	- Complete all recommended actions at lower levels - Listen to local emergency management officials - Stay tuned to TV or radio for current information/instructions - Be prepared to shelter-in-place or evacuate, as instructed - Expect traffic delays and restrictions - Provide volunteer services only as requested - Contact your school/business to determine status of work day

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