

The Homeland Security Advisory System - is designed to inform about protective measures to be taken when specific threat information to a specific sector or geographic region of the country is received. It combines threat information with vulnerability assessments, which are communicated to public safety officials and the public.

Color-Coded Threat Level System - is used to communicate with local public safety officials and the public at-large through a color-coded threat based system so that protective measures can be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an attack. The Homeland Security Advisory System can place specific geographic regions or industry sectors on a higher alert status than other regions or industries, based on specific threat information.

Recommended Activities - all persons, including those traveling in the transportation systems, should continue to be vigilant, take notice of their surroundings, and report suspicious items or activities to local authorities (9-1-1) immediately.

Everybody needs to establish an emergency preparedness kit as well as a communications plan for themselves and their family, and stay informed about what to do during an emergency situation.

Resources for Homeland Security Preparedness Information

Illinois Terrorism Task Force
www.ready.illinois.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Illinois Emergency Management Agency
www.state.il.us/iema

Office of the State Fire Marshal
www.state.il.us/osfm

Illinois Department of Public Health
www.idph.state.il.us

Illinois State Police
www.isp.state.il.us

FBI
www.fbi.gov

FEMA
www.ready.gov
www.fema.gov/areyouready

FEMA Kids
www.fema.gov/kids

Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

National Oceanic & Space Administration (NOAA)
www.noaa.gov

National Weather Service
www.nws.noaa.gov

**Or Contact Your Local
Office of Emergency Management**

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LOW

**LOW RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

MAKE A PLAN

- Discuss with family and friends emergencies that could occur. Establish responsibilities for each person.
- Establish an alternate meeting place(s) away from home with family/friends.
- Learn how to turn off utilities such as gas, electric and water. Have a fire extinguisher and know how to use it.
- Everyone in the household has emergency contact information with them that are out-of-town contacts.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT(S)

- Plan on storing enough supplies for everyone in your household for at least three days (72 hours).
- Have a kit for your house, vehicle and your place of work. Be prepared to shelter in your home or to be evacuated.

GET TRAINED

- Learning first-aid and CPR techniques can give you the skills to help anyone.
- Know how to shelter-in-place.

VOLUNTEER

- Examine volunteer opportunities in your community, such as Citizen Corps or others, and donate your time and blood.

GUARDED

**GENERAL RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Complete recommended actions at lower level

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to local law enforcement.
- Check stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated.
- Review emergency communications plan with your family.
- Review, with family/friends, your alternate meeting places(s) away from home.
- Schools should conduct safety training/emergency drills following their written emergency plans.

ELEVATED

**SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Complete recommended actions at lower levels

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to local law enforcement.
- Ensure disaster supply kit(s) is stocked and ready.
- Check telephone numbers and email addresses in your family emergency communications plan and update as necessary.
- If not known to you, contact school to determine their emergency notification and evacuation plans for children.
- Develop and practice alternate routes to/from work and school.

HIGH

**HIGH RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Complete recommended actions at lower levels

- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to local law enforcement.
- Review disaster plan with family and make sure all family members know what to do.
- Exercise caution when traveling and pay attention to travel advisories.
- Check on neighbors or others who might need assistance in an emergency.

SEVERE

**SEVERE RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS**

Complete recommended actions at lower levels

- Be prepared to shelter-in-place or evacuate if instructed to do so by local officials. Be aware of neighbors who are elderly or have special needs and may require assistance.
- Listen to radio and TV for current information and possible instructions.
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it immediately to local law enforcement.
- Contact workplace and school to determine status of work/school day.
- Expect travel delays. Adhere to any travel restrictions announced by local government authorities.
- Discuss children's fears concerning possible or actual terrorist attacks.