



Terrorist Threat

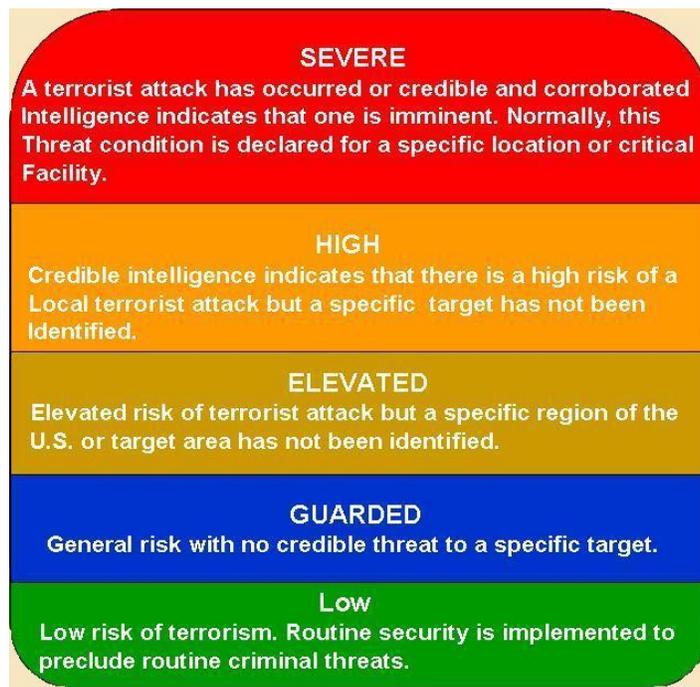
Terrorism is defined as the use of force or violence against persons or property in violation of the criminal laws of the United States for purposes of intimidation, coercion, or ransom.

Terrorists often use threats to create fear among the public, to convince citizens that their government is unable to protect them, and to get immediate publicity for their causes. Acts of terrorism include:

- Threats of terrorism
- Assassinations
- Kidnappings
- Hijackings
- Bomb scares and bombings
- Cyber attacks (computer-based)
- The use of "Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons"

High-risk targets for acts of terrorism include military and civilian government facilities, international airports, large cities, and high-profile landmarks. Terrorists might also target large public gatherings, water and food supplies, utilities, and corporate centers.

The Homeland Security Advisory System chart below, provides a national framework and comprehensive means to disseminate information regarding the risk of terrorist acts to federal, state, and local authorities, the private sector, and the American people.





ACTIONS TO CONSIDER "BEFORE" A TERRORIST EVENT

- Learn about the nature of terrorism.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Take precautions when traveling.
- Leave an area if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- Assemble a disaster supply kit.
- Create an evacuation plan for your family and have a back-up route in mind.

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER "DURING" A TERRORIST EVENT

- Take cover immediately.
- Stay low to the floor or ground.
- Listen to local radio and television for updates.
- Evacuate immediately if directed to do so.

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER "AFTER" A TERRORIST EVENT

- Stay away from the event area; there may be danger of secondary devices.
- Check for injured and trapped persons near the event area and provide first aid and CPR if trained to do so.
- Listen to local radio or television stations for the latest emergency information.
- Check the foundation, chimney, and surrounding land for damage. Be especially careful of downed power lines and gas lines that ruptured.
- Notify friends or family of your condition.
- Use phone service sparingly