

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM

“PROTECTIVE MEASURE” GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC

GREEN

Continue to enjoy individual freedom. Participate freely in travel, work, and recreational activities.

Be prepared for disasters and family emergencies.

Develop a family emergency plan.

Know how to turn off your power, gas and water service to your house.

Know what hazardous materials are stored in your home and how to properly dispose of unneeded chemicals.

Support the efforts of your local emergency responders.

Know what natural hazards are prevalent in your area and what measures you can take to protect your family.

BLUE

Continue normal activities while being watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal activity to local law enforcement.

Review family emergency plans.

Increase family emergency preparedness by purchasing supplies, food and storing water.

Be familiar with local natural and technological hazards in your community.

Increase individual or family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies.

Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts.

Update immunizations.

Volunteer to assist and support the community emergency response agencies.

YELLOW

Continue normal activities, but report suspicious activities to the local law enforcement.

Take a first aid or CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class.

Become active in your local Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

Network with your family, neighbors, and community for mutual support during a disaster or terrorist attack.

Learn what critical facilities are located in your community and report suspicious activities at or near these sites.

Attend your local emergency planning committee meeting to learn more about local hazards.

Increase individual or family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies.

ORANGE

Resume normal activities but expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities.

Monitor local events and government threat advisories.

Report suspicious activities at or near critical facilities to local law enforcement by calling 911.

Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas.

Inventory and organize emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family members. Reevaluate meeting location based on threat.

Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings, avoid placing yourself in a vulnerable situation and monitor the activities of your children.

Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.

RED

Report suspicious activities and call 911 for immediate response.

Expect delays, searches of purses and bags and restricted access to public buildings.

Expect traffic delays and restrictions.

Take personal security precautions to avoid becoming a victim of crime or terrorist attack.

Avoid crowded public areas and gatherings.

Do not travel into areas affected by the attack or in an expected terrorist attack.

Keep emergency supplies accessible and car gas tank full.

Be prepared to evacuate your home or to shelter in place on order of local authorities.

Be suspicious of persons taking photographs of critical facilities, asking questions about physical security or dressed inappropriately for weather conditions. Report these incidents immediately to law enforcement.

Closely monitor news reports and local radio/TV stations.

Assist neighbors who may need help.

Avoid passing on unsubstantiated information and rumors.