



Homeland Security Advisory System Recommended Actions* INDIVIDUALS

Red (Severe)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels
- Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities immediately
- Contact businesses/schools to determine status of work day
- Adhere to any travel restrictions announced
- Be prepared to evacuate area or shelter in place as directed
- Avoid public gathering places such as sports arenas, transportation centers or other high-risk locations

Orange (High)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities
- Review your personal disaster plan
- Exercise caution when traveling
- Be prepared to do without services you normally depend on that could be disrupted such as electricity, telephone, natural gas, gasoline pumps, cash registers, ATM machines, internet transactions, etc.
- Do not be afraid to move or leave your location if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right
- If a need is announced, donate blood at designated blood collection centers
- Check on neighbors, relatives, friends that have special needs and assist them as necessary

Yellow (Elevated)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities
- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready
- Check/update telephone number and e-mail addresses in your personal communication plan
- Develop alternate routes to and from work/school and practice them

Blue (Guarded)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities
- Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated
- Develop an emergency communication plan with family/neighbors/friends

Green (Low)

- Take CPR/AED and first aid courses
- Develop a personal disaster plan and disaster supply kit (The [American Red Cross](#) has resources to help you with a disaster plan and kit)
- Stay up to date on current events that relate to homeland security issues
- Keep important documents such as wills, insurance policies, birth certificates, banking records, etc. in an easy to find location

*The information contained in this document has been gathered from various sources concerning homeland security and is believed to be timely. However, information on homeland security issues changes hourly. As a result, this information should not be used as the sole source for information concerning homeland security issues but only as a brief overview.