

# Homeland Security Advisory System Created

The Homeland Security Advisory System has been created to provide a national framework for federal, state and local governments and private industry, allowing officials to communicate the nature and degree of terrorist threats.

A color-coded system has been developed:

*Condition Green*— Low threat of terrorist attack. Government and law enforcement authorities refine and exercise protective measure plans; regularly assess facilities for vulnerabilities, taking steps to reduce them.

*Condition Blue*— General risk of terrorist attack. Authorities check communications with emergency response and command locations; review and update emergency response procedures; provide public with necessary information.

*Condition Yellow*— Significant risk of terrorist attack. Increased surveillance of critical locations; authorities coordinate emergency plans with nearby jurisdictions, implementing contingency and emergency response plans.

*Condition Orange*— High risk of terrorist attack. Authorities coordinate security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement; prepare to work at alternate sites or with a dispersed work force; restrict access to essential personnel only; additional precautions taken at public events.

*Condition Red*— Severe risk of terrorist attack. Emergency response personnel are assigned and specially trained teams pre-positioned; authorities monitor, redirect or constrain transportation systems; close public and government facilities; increase or redirect personnel to address critical emergency needs.

The U.S. attorney general is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the Homeland Security Advisory System.



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