

Terrorism



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



A terrorist's goal is to achieve change thru terror!

They want immediate publicity for their causes.

Targets of Terrorism

Symbolic Targets:

- Importance to “Enemy”
- Importance to Cause
- Military
- High-profile Landmarks



Infrastructure:

- Power & Water Systems
- Computer Reliant Systems
- Food & Food Distribution
- Government facilities

Transportation:

- Airplanes, Ships, Trains, etc.

High-Density People Centers:

- Sporting Events, Shopping Centers, etc.



National Terrorism Advisory System



Imminent Threat Alert

Warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the United States.

Elevated Threat Alert

Warns of a credible terrorist threat against the United States.

NTAS Alerts will only be issued when credible information is available.

Sample NTAS Alert



National Terrorism Advisory System

Alert

www.dhs.gov/alerts

DATE & TIME ISSUED: XXXX

SUMMARY

The Secretary of Homeland Security informs the public and relevant government and private sector partners about a potential or actual threat with this alert, indicating whether there is an “imminent” or “elevated” threat.

DURATION

An individual threat alert is issued for a specific time period and then automatically expires. It may be extended if new information becomes available or the threat evolves.

DETAILS

- This section provides more detail about the threat and what the public and sectors need to know.
- It may include specific information, if available, about the nature and credibility of the threat, including the critical infrastructure sector(s) or location(s) that may be affected.
- It includes as much information as can be released publicly about actions being taken or planned by authorities to ensure public safety, such as increased protective actions and what the public may expect to see.

AFFECTED AREAS

- This section includes visual depictions (such as maps or other graphics) showing the affected location(s), sector(s), or other illustrative detail about the threat itself.

What can you do?



- Be aware of your surroundings
- Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior. If you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right, **REPORT IT**.
- Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent.
- Use caution when approaching abandoned packages or suitcases.
- Be cognizant of local terrorist targets.

Have you ever observed this?

- Persons observed photographing JFTB
- Persons observed with installation maps or diagrams with facilities highlighted or notes regarding infrastructure
- Persons observed using binoculars or night vision devices near a critical facility
- Persons observed parking or loitering in the same area over several days with no apparent reasonable explanation
- Recent damage to an airport/military installation shared perimeter fence or gate such as significant holes or cuts
- A noted pattern of false alarms requiring police and/or emergency services response

Report it to the Police!



The most common emergency protective actions are evacuation and shelter-in-place.

- **Evacuation** means to leave the area of actual or potential hazard.
- **Shelter-in-place** means to stay indoors. This includes additional precautions such as turning off air-conditioning, ventilation systems and closing all windows and doors.



**Thank you
for reporting suspicious
activity to the Police!**