# Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations

## Family

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<th>Risk of Attack</th>
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| **SEVERE**    | Complete recommended actions at lower levels  
| (Red)         | Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions  
|               | Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities immediately  
|               | Contact business/school to determine status of work/school day  
|               | Adhere to any travel restrictions announced by local governmental authorities  
|               | Be prepared to shelter in place or evacuate if instructed to do so by local governmental authorities  
|               | Discuss children’s fears concerning possible/actual terrorist attacks |
| **HIGH**      | Complete recommended actions at lower levels  
| (Orange)      | Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities  
|               | Review disaster plan with all family members  
|               | Ensure communication plan is understood/practiced by all family members  
|               | Exercise caution when traveling  
|               | Have shelter in place materials on hand and understand procedure  
|               | Discuss children’s fears concerning possible terrorist attacks  
|               | If a need is announced, donate blood at designated blood collection center |
| **ELEVATED**  | Complete recommended actions at lower levels  
| (Yellow)      | Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities  
|               | Ensure disaster supplies kit is stocked and ready  
|               | Check telephone numbers and e-mail addresses in your family emergency communication plan and update as necessary  
|               | If not known to you, contact school to determine their emergency notification and evacuation plans for children  
|               | Develop alternate routes to/from school/work and practice them |
| **GUARDED**   | Complete recommended actions at lower level  
| (Blue)        | 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|               | Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated  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 that all family members understand  
|               | Establish an alternate meeting place away from home with family/friends |
| **LOW**       | Obtain copy of Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected brochure from your local Red Cross chapter  
| (Green)       | Develop a personal disaster plan and disaster supplies kit using Red Cross brochures Your Family Disaster Plan and Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit  
|               | Take a Red Cross CPR/AED and first aid course |

Your [local American Red Cross chapter](https://www.redcross.org) has materials available to assist you in developing preparedness capabilities.