

Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations For Schools

Risk of Attack	Recommended Actions
SEVERE (RED)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Listen to radio or TV for current information and instructions ○ Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities immediately ○ Close school if recommended to do so by appropriate authorities ○ 100% identification check (i.e. driver's license retained at front office) and provide an escort for anyone entering school other than students, staff and faculty ○ Be prepared to shelter in place or evacuate if instructed to do so by local governmental authorities ○ Continue offering lessons from Masters of Disaster Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal With Terrorism and Tragic Events curriculum ○ Ensure mental health counselors and materials are available for students, staff and faculty
HIGH (ORANGE)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities ○ Review the school's Emergency Response Plan ○ Offer Masters of Disaster Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal With Terrorism and Tragic Events lessons in grades K - 12 ○ Prepare to handle inquires from anxious parents and media ○ Discuss children's fears concerning possible terrorist attacks
ELEVATED (YELLOW)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities ○ Ensure that all emergency supplies are stocked and ready ○ Review and distribute copies of Terrorism: Preparing For The Unexpected and send them home with students, staff and faculty
GUARDED (BLUE)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complete recommended actions at lower level</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities ○ Conduct safety training and emergency drills following the school's written Emergency Response Plan ○ Ensure that the school's emergency communications plan is updated and needed equipment is purchased ○ Continue offering lessons from Masters of Disaster curriculum for grades K - 8 regarding emergency preparedness for natural disasters
LOW (GREEN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a written Emergency Response Plan to address all hazards including plans to maintain the safety of students, staff and faculty, as well as an emergency communication plan to notify parents in times of emergency ○ Disseminate relevant information from the Emergency Response Plan to families of children, staff and faculty ○ Initiate offering the Masters of Disaster curriculum for grades K - 8 regarding emergency preparedness for natural disasters