

# Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations

## Schools

| <u>Risk of Attack</u>       | <u>Recommended Actions</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SEVERE</b><br>(Red)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></li> <li>• Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions</li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities immediately</li> <li>• Close school if recommended to do so by appropriate authorities</li> <li>• 100% identification check (i.e.-driver's license retained at front office) and escort of anyone entering school other than students, staff and faculty</li> <li>• Continue offering lessons from Masters of Disaster "Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events" curriculum</li> <li>• Ensure mental health counselors available for students, staff and faculty</li> </ul> |
| <b>HIGH</b><br>(Orange)     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities</li> <li>• Review emergency plans</li> <li>• Offer Masters of Disaster "Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events" lessons in grades K-12</li> <li>• Prepare to handle inquiries from anxious parents and media</li> <li>• Discuss children's fears concerning possible terrorist attacks</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ELEVATED</b><br>(Yellow) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities</li> <li>• Ensure all emergency supplies stocked and ready</li> <li>• Obtain copies of <a href="#">Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected</a> brochure from your local Red Cross chapter and send it home with students in grades K-12, staff and faculty</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>GUARDED</b><br>(Blue)    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower level</i></li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities</li> <li>• Conduct safety training/emergency drills following the school's written emergency plan for all grades</li> <li>• Ensure emergency communication plan updated and needed equipment is purchased</li> <li>• Continue offering lessons from "Masters of Disaster" curriculum for grades K-8 regarding emergency preparedness for natural disasters</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>LOW</b><br>(Green)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Red Cross <a href="#">Emergency Management Guide for Business and Industry</a> to develop written emergency plans 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 to families of children, staff and faculty.</li> <li>• Initiate offering "Masters of Disaster" curriculum for grades K-8 regarding emergency preparedness for natural disasters</li> <li>• Ensure selected staff members take a Red Cross CPR/AED and first aid course</li> </ul>                                                                                       |

**Your [local American Red Cross chapter](#) has materials available to assist you in developing preparedness capabilities.**