## Citizen Guidance on the Homeland Security Advisory System

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- Create an “Emergency Supply Kit” for your household.  
- Be informed. Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) or obtain a copy of “Preparing Makes Sense, Get Ready Now” by calling 1-800-BE-READY.  
- Know how to shelter-in-place and how to turn off utilities (power, gas, and water) to your home.  
- Examine volunteer opportunities in your community, such as Citizen Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch or others, and donate your time.  
- Consider completing an American Red Cross first aid or CPR course, or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. |
| **BLUE** Guarded Risk | - Complete recommended steps at level green.  
- Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated.  
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities. |
| **YELLOW** Elevated Risk | - Complete recommended steps at levels green and blue.  
- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready.  
- Check telephone numbers in family emergency plan and update as necessary.  
- Develop alternate routes to/from work or school and practice them.  
- Continue to be alert for suspicious activity and report it to authorities. |
| **ORANGE** High Risk | - Complete recommended steps at lower levels.  
- Exercise caution when traveling, pay attention to travel advisories.  
- Review your family emergency plan and make sure all family members know what to do.  
- Be Patient. Expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions at public buildings.  
- Check on neighbors or others that might need assistance in an emergency. |
| **RED** Severe Risk | - Complete all recommended actions at lower levels.  
- Listen to local emergency management officials.  
- Stay tuned to TV or radio for current information/instructions.  
- Be prepared to shelter-in-place or evacuate, as instructed.  
- Expect traffic delays and restrictions.  
- Provide volunteer services only as requested.  
- Contact your school/business to determine status of work day. |

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