

# Guidance on the Homeland Security Advisory System

Risk of Attack	Recommended Actions for Citizens
<b>GREEN</b> Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop a family emergency plan. Share it with family and friends, and practice the plan.</li><li>• Visit <a href="http://www.Ready.gov">www.Ready.gov</a> for help creating a plan.</li><li>• Create an "Emergency Supply Kit" for your household.</li><li>• Be informed. Visit <a href="http://www.Ready.gov">www.Ready.gov</a> or obtain a copy of "Preparing Makes Sense, Get Ready Now" by calling 1-800-BE-READY.</li><li>• Know how to shelter-in-place and how to turn off utilities (power, gas, and water) to your home.</li><li>• Examine volunteer opportunities in your community, such as Citizen Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch or others, and donate your time.</li><li>• Consider completing an American Red Cross first aid or CPR course, or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course.</li></ul>
<b>BLUE</b> Guarded Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete recommended steps at level green.</li><li>• Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated.</li><li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities.</li></ul>
<b>YELLOW</b> Elevated Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete recommended steps at levels green and blue.</li><li>• Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready.</li><li>• Check telephone numbers in family emergency plan and update as necessary.</li><li>• Develop alternate routes to/from work or school and practice them.</li><li>• Continue to be alert for suspicious activity and report it to authorities</li></ul>
<b>ORANGE</b> High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete recommended steps at lower levels.</li><li>• Exercise caution when traveling, pay attention to travel advisories.</li><li>• Review your family emergency plan and make sure all family members know what to do.</li><li>• Be Patient. Expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions at public buildings.</li><li>• Check on neighbors or others that might need assistance in an emergency.</li></ul>
<b>RED</b> Severe Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete all recommended actions at lower levels.</li><li>• Listen to local emergency management officials.</li><li>• Stay tuned to TV or radio for current information/instructions.</li><li>• Be prepared to shelter-in-place or evacuate, as instructed.</li><li>• Expect traffic delays and restrictions.</li><li>• Provide volunteer services only as requested.</li><li>• Contact your school/business to determine status of work day.</li></ul>

## A QUICK GUIDE TO DEALING WITH BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, AND RADIOLOGICAL ATTACKS

### BIOLOGICAL ATTACK

#### Pre-Attack

- Stockpile 3 days of non-perishable food
- Stockpile 3 days of water (3 gallons for each person)
- Develop family contact plan (how to get in touch via phone, internet, or other method)
- Stockpiling antibiotics is NOT recommended
- Purchasing a gas mask is NOT recommended

#### Post-Attack

- If possible, remain at home
- You have time---treatment does not have to start immediately
- Listen to local news if needed, you will be told where to obtain treatment
- Do NOT immediately rush to the Emergency Room. You may call Milton Hospital's emergency department at (617) 696-4600 ext. 1132 for advice.

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### CHEMICAL ATTACK

#### Pre-Attack

- Stockpile 3 days of non-perishable food
- Stockpile 3 days of water (3 gallons for each person)
- Develop family contact plan (how to get in touch via phone, internet, or other method)
- Purchasing a gas mask is NOT recommended

#### Post-Attack

- IMMEDIATELY leave the chemical attack area
- IMMEDIATELY remove contaminated clothing and shower or flush with water if you were exposed
- Avoid puddles of liquid
- Chemical clouds blow away quickly
- Do NOT immediately rush to the Emergency Room unless you have breathed in chemical fumes, or have contaminated your skin. You may call Milton Hospital's emergency department at (617) 696-4600 ext. 1132 for advice.

### RADIOLOGICAL ATTACK

#### Pre-Attack

- Stockpile 3 days of non-perishable food
- Stockpile 3 days of water (3 gallons for each person)
- Develop family contact plan (how to get in touch via phone, internet, or other method)
- Stockpiling antibiotics is NOT recommended
- Purchasing potassium iodide tablets, a Geiger Counter, or a gas mask is NOT recommended

#### Post-Attack

- You have time---the amount of radiation from a "dirty bomb" is unlikely to give you radiation sickness or cancer
- Follow instructions of emergency personnel
- Leave the area by foot; do NOT use public transportation
- Do NOT lick or touch your lips, ear, drink, or smoke until experts have decontaminated you
- Do NOT immediately rush to the Emergency Room. You may call Milton Hospital's emergency department at (617) 696-4600 ext. 1132 for advice.

*In the event of an emergency, the Milton Public Schools direct parents and guardians to its website at [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) for further information and direction.*