



In the Event of Terrorist Threats

Through human history, there have been many threats to the security of nations. These threats have brought about large-scale losses of life, destruction of property, widespread illness and injury, the displacement of large numbers of people and devastating economic loss.

Terrorism is the use of force or violence against property or persons for purposes of intimidation, coercion or ransom. Terrorists often use threats to: create fear among the public, try to convince citizens that their government is powerless to prevent terrorism, get immediate publicity for their causes.

Acts of terrorism include threats of terrorism; assassinations; kidnappings; hijackings; bomb scares and bombings; computer based attacks; and the use of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons.

High-risk targets for acts of terrorism include military and civilian government facilities, international airports, large cities and high-profile landmarks. Terrorists might also target large public gatherings, water and food supplies, utilities and corporate centers. Further, terrorists are capable of spreading fear by sending explosives or chemical and biological agents through the mail.

In the event of a terrorist event, you will rely on the police, fire and other officials for instructions. However, you can prepare in much the same way you would prepare for other crisis events

General Safety Guidelines

- Do not make habits in your daily travels
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right
- Take precautions when traveling. Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior. Do not accept packages from strangers. Do not leave luggage or unattended packages and devices to the police or security personnel
- Learn where emergency exits are located in building you frequent. Plan how to get out in the event of an emergency
- Be prepared to do without services you normally depend on --- electricity, telephone, natural gas, gasoline pumps, cash registers, ATMs and internet transactions