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- The United States government’s national threat level is **Elevated**, or **Yellow**.
- For all domestic and international flights, the U.S. threat level is **High**, or **Orange**. See the Transportation Security Administration for [up-to-date information on items permitted and prohibited on airlines](http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm).

**Recommended Activities**

- All Americans should continue to be vigilant, take notice of their surroundings, and report suspicious items or activities to local authorities immediately.
- Everyone should establish an [emergency preparedness kit](http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit) and [emergency plan](http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan) for themselves and their family, and stay informed about what to do during an emergency.

**About the Homeland Security Advisory System**

The Homeland Security Advisory System is designed to guide our protective measures when specific information to a particular sector or geographic region is received. It combines threat information with vulnerability assessments and provides communications to public safety officials and the public.

- **Homeland Security Threat Advisories** contain actionable information about an incident involving, or a threat targeting, critical national networks or infrastructures or key assets.
- **Homeland Security Information Bulletins** communicate information of interest to the nation’s critical infrastructures that do not meet the timeliness, specificity, or significance thresholds of warning messages.
- **Color-coded Threat Level System** is used to communicate with public safety officials and the public at-large through a threat-based, color-coded system so that protective measures can be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an attack.

This system was established in [Homeland Security Presidential Directive 3](http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/laws/gc_1214508631313.shtm).