

**HOMELAND SECURITY
EVENT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (ECS)
COMPARISON MATRIX**

	Federal Emergency Response Plan	Maryland Emergency Management Agency	Harford County	Harford County Public Schools
Threat	SEVERE	SEVERE	SEVERE	SEVERE
Levels	Red Highest Alert Severe risk of terrorists attacks.	Red A WMD incident has occurred. Actions by government authorities are directed toward public safety and welfare and preservation of human life.	Red An action has occurred or is imminent that will have a catastrophic effect on a structure, facility, system, people or activity	Red - EVACUATE Condition of highest alert; * Evacuate school Regional Crisis * Schools closed * All field trips cancelled
	HIGH Orange Heightened Alert High risk of terrorist attacks	HIGH Orange Credible threat; threat assessment indicates that the potential threat is credible and confirms WMD in the developing threat	HIGH Orange There is credible information that a structure, facility, system, people or activity is/are at high risk of a catastrophe	HIGH Orange - LOCK DOWN Condition of heightened alert; * Restrict access to one door. * No parent escort of child to class * Delivery should be supervised * All doors must be locked at the end of the school day. * User group must provide security HIGH Orange Condition of heightened alert; * Continue to be vigilant of anything suspicious. * Field trips to be reviewed & subject to cancellation.
	ELEVATED Yellow Elevated Alert Significant risk of terrorist attack	ELEVATED Yellow Potential Threat Information indicates a general credible threat but it has not been corroborated or is not specific to Maryland	ELEVATED Yellow Abnormal conditions exists with significant risk	ELEVATED Yellow Condition of awareness; possibility of a threat exists * Be vigilant of anything suspicious * Be security conscious
	GUARDED Blue Guarded Alert General risk of terrorist attack	GUARDED Blue Minimal Threat Conditions do not warrant actions above normal operating levels of preparedness	GUARDED Blue Guarded Condition due to general risk	GUARDED Blue Condition of awareness; possibility of a threat exists * Be vigilant of anything suspicious * Be security conscious
	LOW Green Low Condition Alert Low risk of terrorist attacks	LOW Green Currently no known threats	LOW Green Normal Conditions	LOW Green Conditions normal no known threat * All employees must wear ID * Visitor must sign in and wear ID

NOTE: All state and county agencies have adopted the five color codes as designated in the Federal Response Plan. HCPS has incorporated a two tier code orange level to correspond to the appropriate level of response. The HCPS code level will be designated after consultation with members of Harford County's Homeland Security.

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