



# Office of Public Safety & Security Oregon State Police

## SECURITY ADVISORY

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**HIGH**

Current Alert Level

### TO ALL SECTORS:

The national and state threat levels were raised to "high" orange, on Friday February 7, 2003 due to the possible threat of terrorist attacks in the United States and on its interests abroad. As a result, the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation have issued suggested guidance for developing protective measures based on the heightened threat condition. Included in this document are general protective measures, specific protective measures for state and local authorities at the "high" orange condition and suggested possible threat indicators. **The following are suggestions from the national level. These are offered as suggestions only.**

#### **Part 1 -Suggestions for general protective measures**

- Coordinate necessary security efforts with law enforcement agencies.
- Take additional precautions at public events.
- Review contingency plans to work at an alternate site or with a dispersed work force.
- Review plans to restrict access to facilities.

#### **Part 2 -Suggestions for specific protective measures for state and local authorities**

- Announce threat condition "high" orange to all employees.
- Consider full or partial activation of your emergency operations center.
- Review the policy and plans relating to restricting access to critical facilities.
- Conduct inspections of facilities and HVAC systems for irregularities.
- Consider securing HVAC access areas.
- Direct people to the Red Cross for further protective measure recommendations.
- Enhance security at critical facilities.
- Consider the need for vehicle, foot and roving patrols at critical facilities.
- Consider implementing random security guard shift changes.
- Increase visibility in and around parameters of critical facilities by increased lighting.
- Implement stringent identification procedures that may include employee badging.
- Note vehicles parked illegally or suspiciously near critical facilities. Notify police.
- Consider implementing vehicle checks by security personnel at main check stations.
- Advocate the reporting of suspicious or "out of the ordinary activity" to police.
- Consider implementing a bag check by security personnel at critical facilities entrances.
- Consider validating vendor lists for all routine deliveries and repair services.
- Restrict vehicle parking close to buildings.
- Consider requiring identification, sign-in and escorts for visitors.
- Consider securing manhole covers at critical facilities.
- Consider initiating enhanced mail and package screening procedures.
- Review contingency operation plans.

**Part 3 –Suggested possible threat indicators**

- Unusual, suspicious packages or containers, especially nearby HVAC systems.
- Unusual powders, liquids, droplets, or clouds, especially nearby HVAC systems.
- Dead animals, birds, or fish.
- Unexplained odors such as fruity, flowery, sharp, pungent, garlic, almonds etc.
- Unusual or unscheduled spraying activity, or signs such as empty containers or equipment.

Sincerely,

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