



Resource Guide

Knowledge is the most important tool in fighting terrorism, which is an increasingly grave threat to domestic and international societies. Terrorism knows no boundaries. It spans all kinds of religious, political and ideological causes, and targets a wide variety of victims in order to draw attention to the terrorists' cause. Yet, government actions alone cannot bring an end to this devastating global trend.

The fight against terrorism requires a consistent effort by private citizens to prepare for and help prevent the next terrorist attack. Action taken today by citizens, families and business owners serve to enhance the resilience of our communities tomorrow.

The information provided here is designed to raise awareness, educate the public and encourage community involvement and activism.

Terrorism Preparedness

A terrorist attack or natural disaster can strike anyone, anytime, anywhere. Planning for the unexpected and preparing for the worst are critical to the development of enhanced community, business and personal resilience. Being an informed and prepared citizen will help to reduce your level of stress and provide you with some feeling of control during and after a catastrophic event. Our ability to prepare for and recover from an emergency plays a critical role in enhancing our nation's resilience.

Terrorism and natural disasters know no boundaries. The information listed here will assist you in learning how to better prepare yourself, your family and your business.

Prepare Yourself

Are you prepared to respond and recovery from a terrorist attack or natural disaster? Do you have an emergency communications plan and supply kit? Have you identified the potential hazards to your home, family and business? If the answers to these questions are no, it is time to take action!

Here you will find basic emergency supply checklists, information to assist you in developing emergency plans and additional resources on how to protect yourself in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

- <http://www.ready.gov/>

Run by the United States Department of Homeland Security, *Ready* provides comprehensive information to help you raise your level of preparedness and stay informed.



Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness

- <http://www.ready.gov/are-you-ready-guide>

A comprehensive guide published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on how to stay informed about local emergency response plans, identify hazards that affect your community, developing an emergency communications plan and disaster supplies kit, and procedures about evacuating and “sheltering in place.”

Preparedness Today – What You Need To Do

- http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/CDC.asp

An informational FAQ prepared by The American Red Cross and the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that answers common questions and provides guidance on how to prepare for a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Prepare Your Family

Do you have an emergency communications plan? Have you spoken to your children about fire safety? Do you know how to shut-off potentially dangerous utilities in your home? If the answer to these questions are no, its time to take action!

Preparing your family for a terrorist attack or a natural disaster is not easy. Here you will find basic information about assessing your family members’ individual needs, mapping your home and preparing an emergency plan, and developing a single point of contact should your family be in various locations at the time of catastrophic event.

- <http://www.ready.gov/emergency-planning-checklists>

Public Alert Radios for Public Schools

- <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/schools/index.html>

Numerous federal agencies including the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Education sponsored this website, which provides comprehensive information about public alert radios and the important role they can play in safeguarding our children by ensuring communication with emergency management professionals in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Prepare Your Business

Has your company tasked and trained at least one of its employees to be an emergency response coordinator? Have you spoken with your superiors or co-workers about developing an office-wide



emergency communications system? Do you and your colleagues maintain a personal disaster supply kit in your work place? If the answers to these questions are no, it is time to take action!

Without proper planning and the creation of business continuity plans, most companies will struggle to survive a catastrophic event. The following information is designed to help you better stay informed of local emergency planning procedures, prepare engage your co-workers on in the response and recovery planning and generally protect your investments.

- <http://www.ready.gov/business/>

Run by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Ready Business is designed to small, medium and large companies with the necessary tools to train their personnel, establish emergency communication procedures, create business continuity plans and provide information about maintaining disaster supply kits.

The Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP)

- <http://www.thecepp.org/>

CEPP is a unique public-private partnership designed to strengthen the state of Colorado's capacity to prevent, respond to and recover from natural or human-caused disasters. It works to streamline the communication and planning process between private businesses and government agencies in order to enhance the state's level of preparedness and resilience.

Security for Business and Private Citizens

- <https://mipt.org/default.aspx>

Run by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), an internationally renowned think-tank, this website provides comprehensive information about the many ways businesses and citizens can prepare for a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

- <http://www.bens.org/home.html>

BENS, a nationwide, non-partisan organization, is the primary channel through which senior business executives can help enhance the nation's security. BENS actively promotes private-public partnerships for the purpose of enhancing the United States' safety and security.



Fight Against Terrorism

With better information about terrorism, citizens can be effective tools in their governments' efforts to track terrorist activity and prevent future attacks. The CELL intends to facilitate knowledge-sharing, learning and self-reflection as our society takes on terrorism as the most challenging threat to our way of life today.

Well-informed citizens can properly interpret news reports about terrorism; they can probe their investments and charitable contributions to ensure they are not inadvertently supporting terrorist organizations; and they can become local leaders in disaster preparedness and prevention.

Research Your Investments & Charitable Contributions

Terrorists can find financial support through state sponsors, individuals and even through charities and businesses, some of which are set up as legitimate fronts for illegitimate terrorist activity.

For example, Iran provides an estimated \$100 million annually to Hezbollah. And, the Islamic Africa Relief Agency operated in Missouri as a Sudanese charity, when it in fact provided funds to al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and Hamas.

Since an Executive Order was signed in September 2001, the U.S. has frozen more than \$300 million in assets of individuals and groups that provide support to terrorist organizations on the lists maintained by the U.S. government.

Interpret News Reports

Understanding the political, social and economic trends domestically and internationally is critical to staying informed about the global trend of terrorism. Self-education provides community members and business owners with an enhanced awareness of the potential hazards facing their community, their business and those in their supply chain and our country.

Many government agencies and world-renowned think tanks provide free news feeds and critical analysis on the most pressing issues affecting local and global threats to our safety and security. In addition, these institutions can offer solutions designed to increase your level of awareness, preparedness and resilience.

Become a Local Leader in Disaster Preparedness & Prevention

Disaster preparedness and prevention is a critical component in the fight against terrorism. Taking proactive steps today helps to ensure our communities' are prepared for and able to quickly recover from a terrorist attack or a natural disaster. As private citizens and business owners, we all have a major role to play in the enhancement of our community and nation's resilience.

Starting a neighborhood watch program, helping friends and family members develop an emergency supply kit, working with local first responders to promote your community's emergency response plan and becoming involved in local organizations like the American Red Cross, Citizen Corps and the



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). These are all proactive measures you can take today to become a local leader in disaster preparedness and prevention.

Research Your Investments & Charitable Contributions

The following government agencies and organizations provide detailed information to assist you in researching your investments and charitable contributions. In addition, you may want to check with your financial advisor to ensure your investment funds or charitable contributions are not inadvertently supporting terrorist organizations.

The United States Department of Treasury

- <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/terrorist-illicit-finance/Pages/default.aspx>

The mission of the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence is to marshal the Treasury Department's policy, enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence functions in order to sever the lines of financial support to international terrorists organizations. This website provides the most up-to-date information on organizations illegally supporting terrorist activity, and government efforts to combat them.

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

- http://www.fincen.gov/news_room/advisory/

FinCEN provides up-to-date advisories, bulletins and fact sheets on various organizations and investments that are either suspected of illegally using funds to support terrorist activity and provides guidance for different financial sectors and institutions.

The United States Department of State

- <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/>

The Office for the Coordinator of Counterterrorism is designed to coordinate and support the development and implementation of all United States Government policies and programs aimed at countering terrorism overseas. This website provides helpful links about the financial sanctions placed on other governments and entities.

Interpret News Reports

The following government agencies, think tanks and international organizations provide daily updates and in-depth analyses about the political, social and economic issues most directly affecting the threat of terrorism and our ability to enhance local preparedness and resilience.

Free Daily Government News Feeds



- http://www.dhs.gov/xutil/gc_1193765609028.shtm

The Department of Homeland Security provides daily email updates and RSS feeds to broadcast information about current emergency situations occurring around the country and important information impacting critical infrastructure protection.

- <http://www.fbi.gov/rss.htm>

The Federal Bureau of Investigation provides daily email updates and RSS feeds to broadcast breaking news, information about ongoing investigations into terrorist activity and updates for existing crime prevention programs and initiatives.

- <http://www.ustreas.gov/press/>

The Department of Treasury provides daily email updates and RSS feeds to broadcast breaking news and ongoing efforts to curb the abuse of financial institutions by terrorist groups and other illicit organizations.

Think Tanks/Organizations

- <http://www.rand.org/>

Established in 1964, RAND is an international think tank designed to improve policy and decisionmaking through research and analysis of both domestic and international issues. It provides world-class analysis and information in the areas of national security, public safety, and terrorism and homeland security.

- <http://www.aicongress.org/>

The American Islamic Congress (AIC) is a non-religious civic initiative working to promote moderation, interfaith understanding, gender equality and peace. Founded after September 11, 2001, it runs numerous programs around the world to designed to challenge widely-held stereotypes and promote non-violence.

- <http://www.investigativeproject.org/>

The Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) is a non-profit research group. For more than a decade, IPT has investigated the operations, funding, activities and front groups of Islamic terrorist and extremist groups in the United States and around the world. It has become a principal source of critical evidence to a wide variety of government offices and law enforcement agencies, as well as the U.S. Congress and numerous public policy forums.

- http://www.nhdf.org/about_nhdf.php



National Homeland Defense Foundation (NHDF) is a non-partisan, nonprofit forum and rallying point for our country's response to the eminent presence of terrorism tactics, and preparing and responding to natural disasters around the country. NHDF conducts the nation's leading public forum at an annual Symposium where experts in government, industry, academia and media converge to discuss, educate and share ideas to help secure our nation.

Become a Local Leader in Disaster Preparedness & Prevention

Enhancing the level of preparedness in your home, business and community for a future terrorist attack or natural disaster is one of the most important steps you can take to increase local and national resilience. The following links provide detailed information about the many ways you can become a local leader in disaster preparedness and prevention.

- <http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer/>

The American Red Cross recruits volunteers and trains community members to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks or natural disasters. This website provides information on how to find your local Red Cross chapter and pursue volunteer opportunities.

- <https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

- <https://www.citizencorps.gov/>

The Citizen Corps is a national program sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is a network of over 200 million U.S. citizens, organized into over 2,000 local councils, designed to train private citizens to prepare for a disaster relief and support local emergency response professionals in the event of a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

- <http://thecepp.org/>



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Neighborhood Watch Programs

- <http://www.usaonwatch.org/>

Neighborhood Watch Programs are one of the oldest and most well-known crime prevention programs in United States history. Over the years, it has a more proactive, community-oriented endeavor bringing together local officials, law enforcement officers, emergency response professionals and private citizens. This website provides ways to search for an existing neighborhood watch program in your community and tips on how to start a new program.