

## National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) – Elevated or Imminent

In April 2011, the National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) replaced the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS), which had been created in 2002. The color-coded HSAS (consisting of RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, BLUE, GREEN), has been reduced to two threats consisting of 'Imminent Threat Alert' and 'Elevated Threat Alert'.

### Elevated Threat Alert

This type of alert warns of a credible terrorist threat against the United States.

### Imminent Threat Alert

This more serious alert type warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat against the United States.

Alerts will only be issued when credible information is available. When the alerts are issued, a specific format is issued consisting of:

Category	Explanation
Date and Time Issued	Self-explaining
Summary	Designates the type of threat alert.
Duration	Defines a specific time period the threat alert is active. If an alert requires a time extension, a new one will be issued.
Details	Provides more detail about the threat.
Affected Areas	Includes a visual depiction, such as maps, showing the affected locations.
How You Can Help	Specifically requests how the public can assist law enforcement during the threat alert.
Stay Prepared	Emphasizes the importance of planning in case the threat alert becomes reality.
Stay Informed	Informs the public on how to get more information.