



National Protection Framework

The **National Protection Framework** provides individual, community, private sector, NGO, and government leaders with an understanding of the range of activities within the Protection mission area and how the whole community can work together to secure the homeland against acts of terrorism and manmade or natural disasters.

The **National Protection Framework audience** includes, but is not limited to: government and corporate executives; critical infrastructure owners and operators; law enforcement, security, public health, fire, emergency medical and emergency management professionals.

Focus on Securing the Homeland

The Protection mission area focuses on actions to deter threats, reduce vulnerabilities, and minimize the consequences associated with an incident.

The National Protection Framework:

- **Addresses steady-state and enhanced steady-state activities for all hazards.**
- **Describes each of its 11 core capabilities** and lists critical tasks for each one.
- **Recognizes existing coordinating structures** that promote integration across jurisdictions and areas of responsibility. Examples include: operations centers; law enforcement task forces; fusion centers; health surveillance networks; and public-private partnerships.
- **Encourages partnerships** across the whole community to inform and align relevant planning, training, exercising, and other activities designed to enhance preparedness over the long term.
- **Supports integration** across the five mission areas through planning and operational coordination.

Protection Core Capabilities

Core capabilities are the distinct elements needed to achieve the National Preparedness Goal. Each of the **11 protection core capabilities**, with critical task examples, is listed below.

- **Planning.** Implement security, protection, resilience, and continuity plans and programs, train and exercise, and take corrective actions.
- **Public Information and Warning.** Determine requirements for protection stakeholder information and information sharing.
- **Operational Coordination.** Determine jurisdictional priorities, objectives, strategies and resource allocations.
- **Intelligence and Information Sharing.** Adhere to appropriate mechanisms for safeguarding sensitive and classified information.
- **Interdiction and Disruption.** Prevent movement and operation of terrorists into or within the United States and its territories.
- **Screening, Search, and Detection.** Develop and engage an observant nation (individuals, families, communities, and local, state, tribal and territorial government and private-sector partners).
- **Access Control and Identity Verification.** Control and limit access to critical locations and systems to authorized individuals carrying out legitimate activities.
- **Cybersecurity.** Detect malicious activity and conduct technical countermeasures and mitigation activities.
- **Physical Protective Measures.** Implement security training for workers, focused on awareness and response.
- **Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities.** Identify, implement and monitor risk management plans.
- **Supply Chain Integrity and Security.** Analyze key dependencies and interdependencies related to supply chain operations.

For a full list of all critical tasks, download the Framework at <http://www.fema.gov/national-planning-frameworks>.

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About the Frameworks

The National Protection Framework is one of the five documents in the suite of National Planning Frameworks. Each covers a preparedness mission area: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response or Recovery. Together, they describe how the whole community works together to achieve the National Preparedness Goal of: “A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

The Frameworks foster a shared understanding of our roles and responsibilities from the fire house to the White House. They help us understand how we, as a nation, coordinate, share information and work together—which ultimately results in a more secure and resilient nation.

The National Disaster Recovery Framework was released in September 2011. The National Prevention Framework, National Mitigation Framework and a second edition of the National Response Framework were released in May 2013. The National Protection Framework was released in July 2014.

Each of the Frameworks:

- Explains the purpose of the document, including the guiding principles, scope of mission area and application of risk
- Summarizes the roles and responsibilities of each part of the whole community
- Defines the mission area’s core capabilities, along with examples of critical tasks for each capability
- Lists a sampling of coordinating structures—either new or existing—that enable the effective delivery of the core capabilities

- Describes the relationships between the Frameworks and mission areas
- Identifies relevant planning assumptions required to inform the development of interagency operational plans and department level plans
- Provides information that state, local, tribal and territorial governments and private sector partners can use to develop or revise their plans
- Applies concepts from existing national doctrine, such as the National Incident Management System, whenever possible

Whole Community Approach

The Frameworks follow the whole community approach to preparedness, which recognizes that everyone can contribute to and benefit from national preparedness efforts. This includes individuals and families (including those with disabilities and others with access and functional needs), businesses, community and faith-based groups, nonprofit organizations and all levels of government.

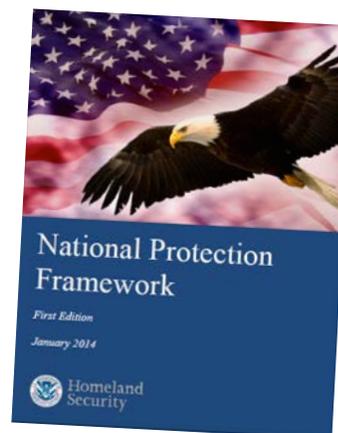


Exhibit 1: Cover of the National Protection Framework

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