



National Protection Framework (Second Edition)

The **National Protection Framework** provides leaders and practitioners at all levels of government, the private and nonprofit sectors, and individuals 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, natural disasters, and other threats or hazards.

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.

It is one of the five documents in the suite of National Planning Frameworks. Each covers one preparedness mission area: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, or Recovery.

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.

What's New?

The updated National Protection Framework incorporates critical edits in the refreshed Nation Preparedness Goal, including lessons learned from real world events and continuing implementation of the National Preparedness System. Other edits include:

- Updated Cybersecurity Core Capability Critical Tasks to align with the Mitigation, Response, and Recovery Mission Areas.
- Additional language on science and technology investments to protect against emerging vulnerabilities are included within the protection mission area.
- Additional language on interagency coordination within the protection mission area to support the decision-making processes outlined within the framework.

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, are listed below.

To see all critical tasks, download the Framework at <http://www.fema.gov/national-planning-frameworks>.

- **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.

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- **Operational Coordination.** Determine jurisdictional priorities, objectives, strategies, and resource allocations.
- **Intelligence and Information Sharing.** Adhere to appropriate mechanisms for safeguarding sensitive and classified information and protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- **Interdiction and Disruption.** Deter 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.** Create resilient cyber systems that allow for the uninterrupted continuation of essential functions.
- **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.

About the Frameworks

The National Planning Frameworks describe how the whole community works together to achieve the National Preparedness Goal. The Goal is: “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.”

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 local, state, 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.

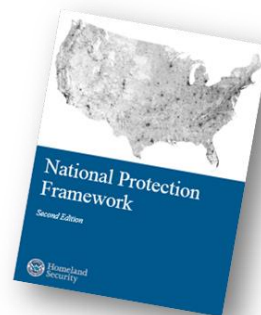


Exhibit 1: Cover of the National Protection Framework

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