

FACT SHEET



Homeland Security

The Target Capabilities List

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: *National Preparedness* (HSPD-8) calls for a **National Preparedness Goal** that establishes “measurable readiness targets ...that appropriately balance the potential threat and magnitude of terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies with the resources required to prevent, respond to, and recover from them.” The **Target Capabilities List** (TCL) establishes those readiness targets across four mission areas. Version 2.0 of the TCL identifies 37 capabilities required to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major events.

Defining Target Capabilities

The TCL is a companion document to the National Preparedness Goal. It defines the capabilities, outcomes, measures, and risk-based target levels of capability the Nation needs to achieve and sustain the Goal. To derive the TCL, the Department of Homeland Security developed 15 **National Planning Scenarios** to illustrate the potential threat and magnitude of terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies, and the **Universal Task List** (UTL), which describes the tasks that must be performed to prevent, respond to, and recover from the Scenarios. Capabilities provide the means to accomplish a mission or function resulting from the performance of one or more critical tasks, under specified conditions, to target levels of performance.

Using the TCL

The TCL is a tool that can be used to guide preparedness planning, establish training requirements, and evaluate exercise performance. The TCL is the primary source of readiness metrics to evaluate national preparedness. The TCL was developed in consultation with, and the active participation of, key partners at all levels of government, as well as representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

The 37 Target Capabilities

Common

- Planning
- Communications
- Risk Management
- Community Preparedness and Participation

Prevent Mission Area

- Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings
- Intelligence Analysis and Production
- Intelligence/Information Sharing and Dissemination
- Law Enforcement Investigation and Operations
- CBRNE Detection

Protect Mission Area

- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Food and Agriculture Safety and Defense
- Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation
- Public Health Laboratory Testing

Respond Mission Area

- Onsite Incident Management
- Emergency Operations Center Management
- Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution
- Volunteer Management and Donations
- Responder Safety and Health

Respond Mission Area (cont)

- Public Safety and Security Response
- Animal Health Emergency Support
- Environmental Health
- Explosive Device Response Operations
- Firefighting Operations/Support
- WMD/Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination
- Citizen Protection: Evacuation and/or In-Place Protection
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Urban Search and Rescue
- Emergency Public Information and Warning
- Triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment
- Medical Surge
- Medical Supplies Management and Distribution
- Mass Prophylaxis
- Mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services)
- Fatality Management
- Recover Mission Area**
- Structural Damage and Mitigation Assessment
- Restoration of Lifelines
- Economic and Community Recovery

For more information, go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm>