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NATIONAL TERRORISM THREAT LEVEL AND DFES PROTECTIVE SECURITY

The Australian Government has raised the National Terrorism Threat Level from “POSSIBLE” to “**PROBABLE**”.¹

This means that there is a **greater than fifty percent chance** of an onshore attack or attack planning in the next twelve months.

Our landscape reflects the social and political environment in which we live. Social cohesion is lower, and trust in governments and our democratic processes globally are eroding¹.

Fire and emergency services agencies such as DFES, remain an attractive target for hostile actors. Staff and volunteers should demonstrate the highest levels of personal security awareness at work and in their personal lives.

Staff and volunteers are reminded that security is everyone’s responsibility. In the workplace, the following activities will assist with maintaining a positive security culture:

- Challenging persons not displaying identification in restricted areas.
- Waiting for doors and gates to close and denying easy access to unauthorised persons and vehicles.
- Securing restricted items such as uniforms, identification cards and keys.
- Being alert to persons behaving suspiciously around DFES premises or vehicles.
- Managing contractors, visitors and guests attending DFES premises.
- Ensuring security arrangements are suitable for events e.g. WAFES Conference.
- Following DFES site Emergency Plans including lock-down and lock-out procedures.
- Limiting personally identifiable information on your social networking platforms to avoid being exploited by hostile actors.
- Know what to do in an attack - [National Security Escape. Hide. Tell.](#) resources.
- In the workplace, report suspicious behaviour to security personnel, managers, officers in charge.

¹ ASIO ATA 029-2024 Australia_National threat landscape 2024 report (Official: Sensitive)

The public plays a major role in providing information to law enforcement and security agencies about possible terrorist and foreign interference activities. Concerns and suspicious behaviour related to national security should be reported using the National Security Hotline 1800 123 400.

More information regarding the National Terrorism Threat Level and Australia's security environment can be found [here](#).

If you have any queries in regard to organisational risk management please contact Shelley Staff, Manager Risk and Capability on (08) 9395 9382 or risk@dfes.wa.gov.au or for facility security queries contact Assistant Commissioner Asset Management.

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