

WHAT DO THREAT LEVELS AND RESPONSE LEVELS MEAN?

THREAT LEVELS:

The UK Threat Level is decided by the Government's Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC). It is the system to assess the threat to the UK from international terrorism and provides an indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

There are five Threat Levels:

Low - an attack is unlikely
Moderate - an attack is possible, but not likely
Substantial - an attack is a strong possibility
Severe - an attack is highly likely
Critical - an attack is expected imminently

RESPONSE LEVELS:

The UK Government Response Level gives an indication of the protective security measures that should be applied at sites at each Threat Level. In simple terms, the higher the Threat Level, the more security measures should be in place.

There are three levels of response which broadly equate to threat levels as shown:

Response Level	Description	Threat Level
Normal	Routine protective security measures appropriate to the business concerned	Low and Moderate
Heightened	Additional and sustainable protective security measures reflecting the broad nature of the threat combined with specific business and geographical vulnerabilities and judgements on acceptable risk	Substantial and Severe
Exceptional	Maximum protective security measures to meet specific threats and to minimise vulnerability and risk - unsustainable	Critical

The current UKG Response Level is **HEIGHTENED**

The current Response Level should be displayed around your STFC site and on staff web pages.