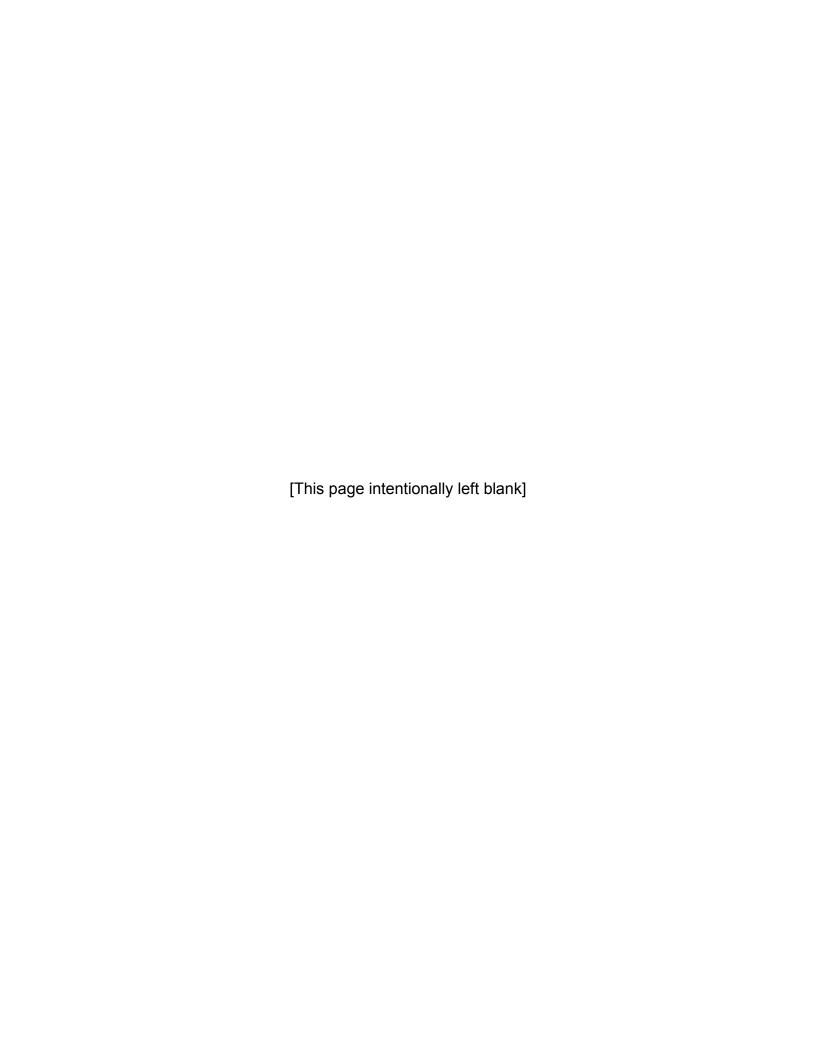
UNIT 8: TERRORISM AND CERT

In this unit you will learn about:

- What Terrorism Is: The definition of terrorism and terrorist goals.
- Terrorist Targets: How terrorists choose their targets.
- Terrorist Weapons: The weapons that terrorists are known or are suspected to have and the risk posed by various terrorist weapons.
- **CBRNE Indicators:** Cues that help to identify a when a terrorist attack may have occurred or may be imminent.
- Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood: Ways to prepare for a terrorist incident.
- CERTs and Terrorist Incidents: CERT protocols for terrorist incidents and protective action following an event.



OBJECTIVES	At the conclusion of this unit, the participants should be able to:		
	 Define terrorism. 		
	Identify potential targets in the community.		
	Identify the eight signs of terrorism.		
	 Identify CERT operating procedures for a terrorist incident. 		
	 Describe the actions to take following a suspected terrorist incident. 		
SCOPE	The topics of this unit will include:		
	 Introduction and Unit Overview 		
	What Is Terrorism?		
	 Terrorist Targets 		
	 Terrorist Weapons 		
	 CBRNE Indicators 		
	 Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood 		
	 CERTs and Terrorist Incidents 		
	 Exercise: Applying CERT Principles to a Suspected Terrorist Incident 		
	 Unit Summary 		
ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME	2 hours 30 minutes		
TRAINING METHODS	The instructor will introduce this unit by defining terrorism using the Department of Justice definition and providing several examples of terrorist attacks within the United States. Then, the instructor will describe the terrorists' goals.		

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TRAINING METHODS (CONTINUED)

Next, the instructor will describe the main categories of weapons that terrorists are known to have or are suspected of having. During this discussion, the instructor will introduce the acronym CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, high-yield explosives) as a way of remembering each category of weapons. The instructor will describe each type of weapon briefly, including the types of damage or injury that they can cause and, in the case of biological and chemical weapons, routes of exposure. At the end of this discussion, the instructor will present a graphic that describes the FBI's assessment of the risk posed by and the impact that could be expected from each type of weapon.

Following this topic, the instructor will cover steps to take to prepare for a terrorist incident and steps to take if an incident has occurred, including shelter-in-place procedures and emergency decontamination procedures.

In the next topic, the instructor will describe the environmental and physical indicators that serve as cues that a terrorist attack has occurred or may be imminent. Then he or she will link these cues to CERT protocols for terrorist incidents, emphasizing personal safety as the first priority. This discussion will include measures that CERT members can take to increase their safety levels (e.g., time, distance, and shielding; immediate decontamination; and not treating those who may have been contaminated), what they can do to protect others, and what to expect when professional responders arrive.

At the end of this unit, the participants will work in teams to apply CERT principles to a suspected terrorist incident.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Community Emergency Response Team Instructor Guide
- Community Emergency Response Team Participant Manual
- PowerPoint Slides 8-1 through 8-28

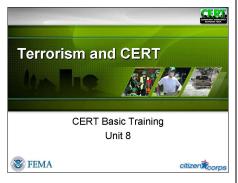
EQUIPMENT

The following additional equipment is required for this unit:

- A computer with PowerPoint software
- A computer projector and screen

A suggested time plan for this unit is as follows:	
Introduction and Unit Overview10 minu	tes
What Is Terrorism?10 minu	tes
Terrorist Targets10 minu	tes
Terrorist Weapons30 minu	tes
CBRNE Indicators	tes
Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood 20 minu	tes
CERTs and Terrorist Incidents	tes
Activity: Applying CERT Principles to a Suspected Terrorist Incident	tes
Unit Summary5 minu	tes
Total Time: 2 hours 30 minutes	
It is not possible to present comprehensive information about terrorists or their weapons in the timeframe provided for this unit. Refer the participants to <i>Are You Ready?</i> (www.ready.gov) for mor information about possible terrorist attacks and how to prepare for them.	·e
	Introduction and Unit Overview

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Introduction and Unit Overview

Introduce yourself and welcome the participants to this session, Terrorism and CERT.

CONTENT

Introduce the instructors for this unit and ask any new instructors to briefly describe their experience with terrorism planning.

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Briefly review Unit 7: Disaster Psychology.

What kinds of symptoms might you see in someone who is having trouble coping with a disaster?

Correct response:

- Psychological symptoms: e.g., anger, grief, withdrawal, self-blame, memory or concentration problems
- Physiological symptoms:

 e.g., loss of appetite, sleep problems, low energy, headaches, increase in alcohol/drug consumption

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?	What is vicarious trauma?
Correct response:	
When a person identifies too strongly with a survivor and takes on that survivor's feelings	
?	What is the best way to provide support to survivors?
Correct response:	
Let them talk and be an empathetic listener	
?	What can a CERT member do to take care of himself or herself after a disaster?
Correct response:	
 Get enough sleep. Exercise regularly. Eat a balanced diet. Connect with others. Ask for help if they need it. Tell family and friends how to support them. 	

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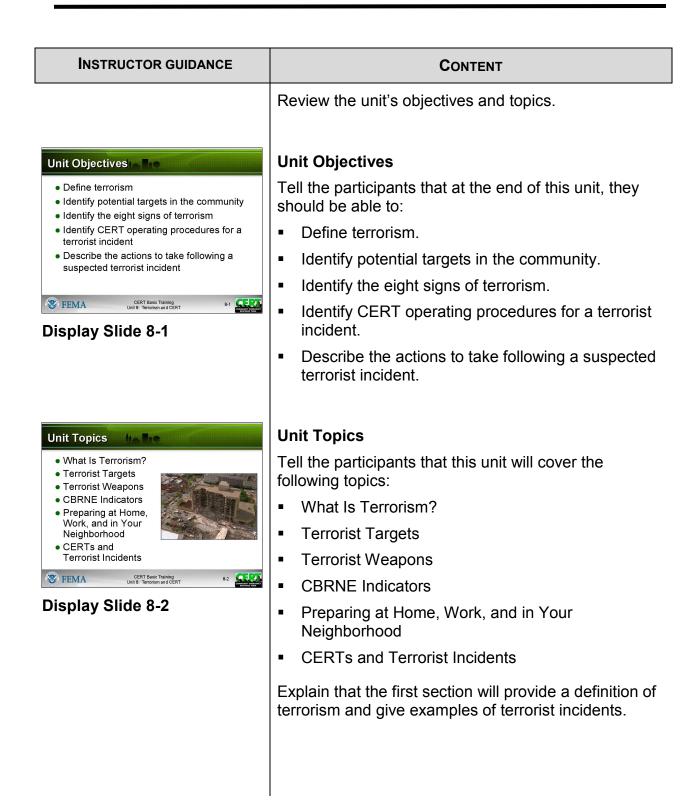
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INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE	CONTENT
?	What should a CERT Incident Commander/Team Leader (IC/TL) do during a disaster to help CERT members?
 Correct response: Make CERT members take breaks away from the incident area. Make sure CERT members have regular food and water. Rotate teams. 	What is a critical incident stress debriefing?
Correct response: A formal group meeting 1to 3 days after the event to help emergency services personnel and volunteers cope with a traumatic event	

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What Is Terrorism? The unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives CERT Basic Training Unit & Terrorism and CERT 8-3 CERT Basic Training Unit & Terrorism and CERT

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Provide and emphasize local examples if possible.

What Is Terrorism?

Introduce this topic by providing the U.S. Department of Justice's definition of terrorism:

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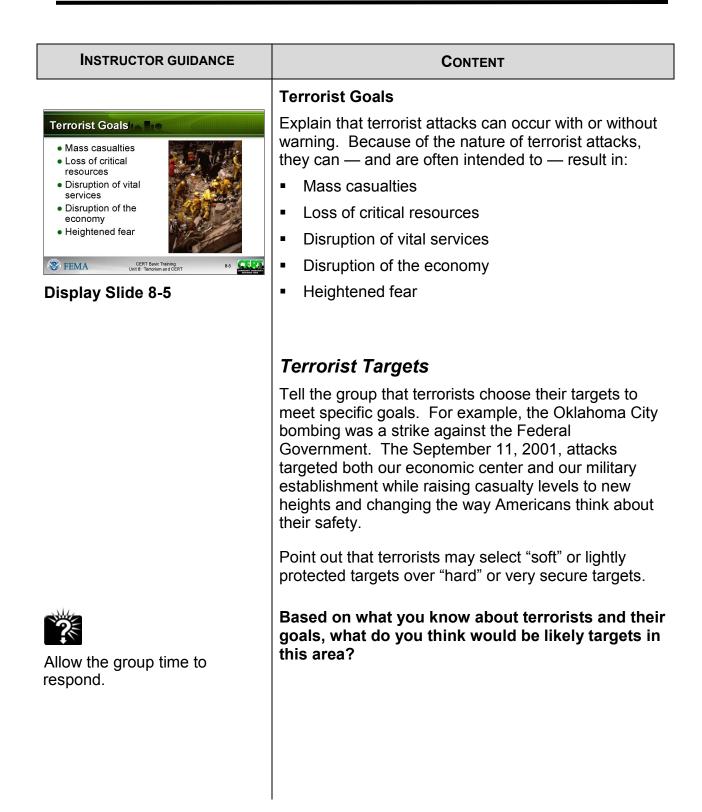
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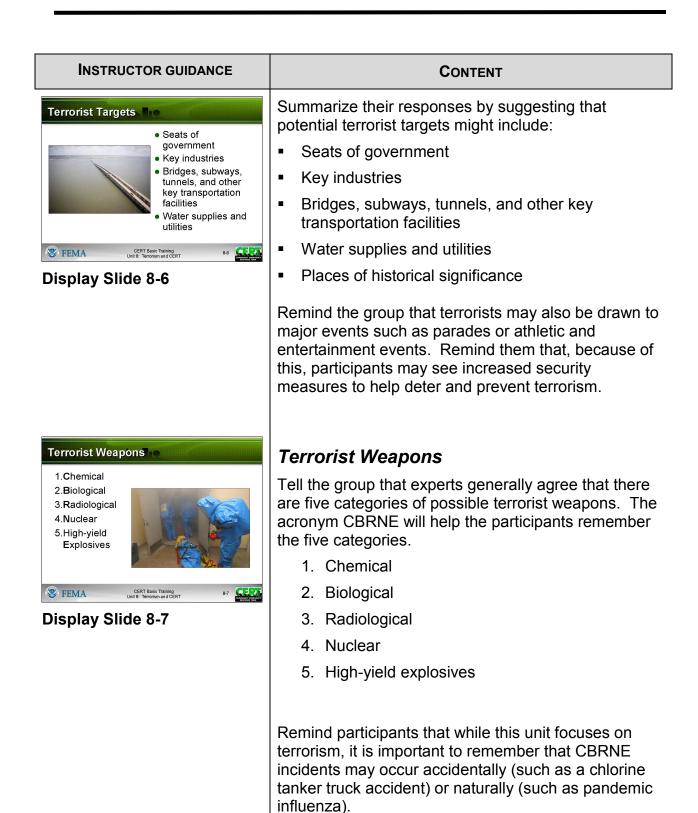
Stress that terrorism may be perpetrated by foreign or domestic individuals or groups.

Point out that, while the United States has not had as many terrorist incidents as some other countries, we have had several serious attacks, including:

- The bombing of the World Trade Center (1993)
- The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City (1995)
- The bombing at the Atlanta Olympic Games (1996)
- Bombings at family planning clinics and gay bars in the Atlanta area (1996 and 1997)
- The destruction of the World Trade Center and a portion of the Pentagon (2001)
- The sending of anthrax through the U.S. mail (2001)

Explain that each of these incidents demonstrates that we live with the possibility of additional terrorist attacks on our own soil.





INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE	CONTENT	
	Tell participants that another type of terrorist weapon is deliberate, large-scale disruption of computer networks. This is known as cyberterrorism. To help guard against cyberterrorism, it is important that computer users implement appropriate security measures.	
	Chemical Weapons	
Chemical Weapons 1. Blister agents 2. Blood agents 3. Choking agents 4. Nerve agents 5. Riot-control agents CERT Base Training Unit 8 Terrorem and CERT Base PLAN Display Slide 8-8	 1. Chemical agents. Unlike biological agents or nuclear materials, which are difficult to produce or purchase, the ingredients used to produce chemical weapons are found in common products and petrochemicals. Terrorists can turn these common products into lethal weapons. There are five categories of chemical weapons. Blister agents cause blisters, burns, and other tissue damage. Exposure may be made through liquid or vapor contact with any exposed skin, inhalation, or ingestion. Blister agents include several families of chemicals, including mustard and lewisite. The effects of blister agents may be similar to those experienced with riot-control agents like "tear" gas but do not clear upon movement into fresh air. In fact, the effects of most blister agents increase with time and may not reach their full impact for 12 to 18 hours. 	

INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE	CONTENT
	Blood agents are absorbed into the bloodstream and deprive blood cells of oxygen. Exposure may be made through liquid or vapor contact with any exposed skin, inhalation, or ingestion. Blood agents include two main families of chemicals, including hydrogen cyanide and cyanogen chloride. Those who are affected by blood agents may appear "bluish" across the nose and cheeks and around the mouth. As the symptoms of blood agents progress, the victim will convulse and lose consciousness.
	Choking agents attack the lungs. Following exposure through inhalation, the lungs fill with fluid, which prevents oxygen from being absorbed by, and carbon dioxide from being removed from, the blood. Death results from lack of oxygen and is similar to drowning. Two common examples of choking agents are phosgene and chlorine.
	Nerve agents affect the central nervous system. These agents act most quickly and are the most lethal of all chemical agents, acting within seconds of exposure. Victims of nerve agents experience constricted pupils, runny nose, shortness of breath, convulsions, and cessation of breathing. Sarin is an example of a nerve agent.
	Riot-control agents cause respiratory distress and tearing and are designed to incapacitate rather than kill. Riot-control agents cause intense pain, especially when in contact with mucus membrane in areas such as the eyes, nose, and mouth. Common riot-control agents include "tear" gas and capsicum (also called pepper spray).
	Remind the participants that the onset of symptoms that result from chemical weapons can range from immediate to 18 hours following exposure. Chemical weapons are considered a moderate risk.

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INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE Biological Weapons Although not a biological 2. Biological weapons. Biological agents are found in

Although not a biological attack, the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome epidemic is an example of how a biological agent can be spread far from its point of origin.



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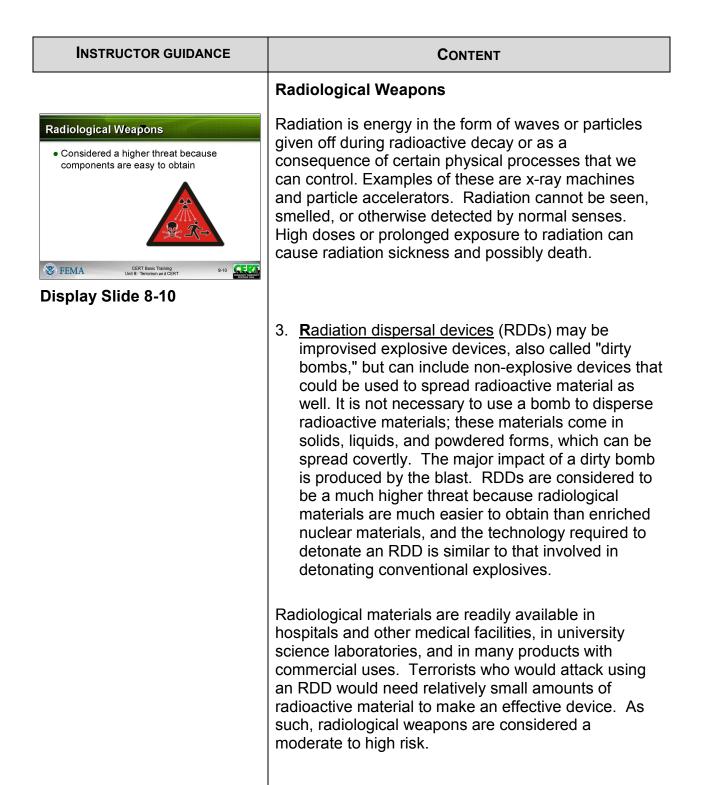
 Biological weapons. Biological agents are found in nature and can also be manufactured. It is possible to weaponize biological agents so that they can be disseminated to affect broad segments of the population, animal populations, or crops.

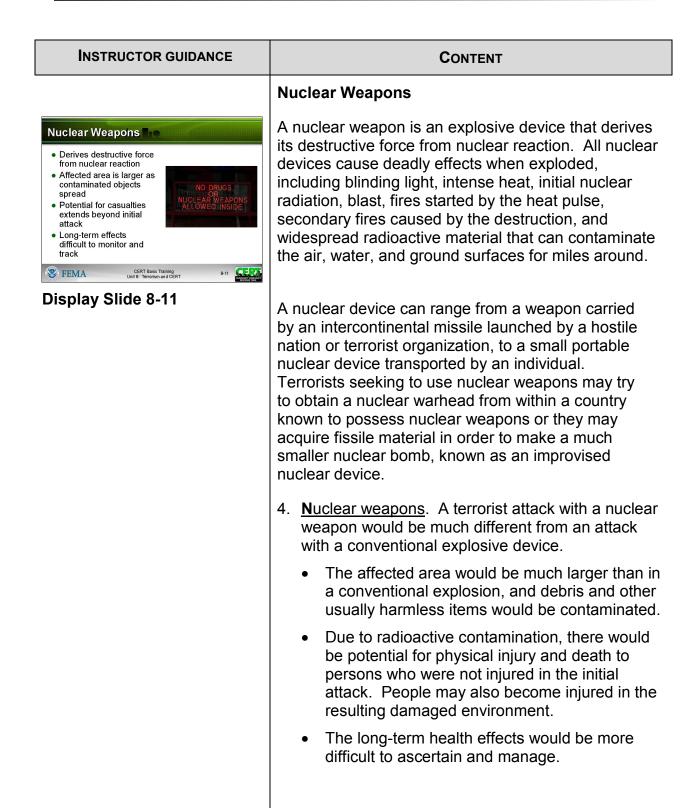
Some biological agents are contagious, but many are not. Routes of exposure for biological weapons are:

- Inhalation
- Ingestion
- Absorption

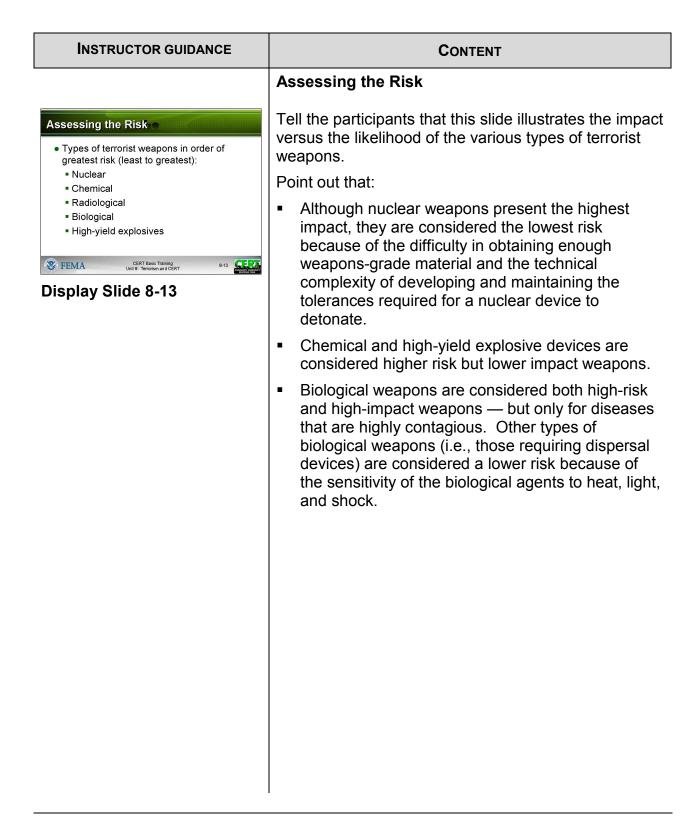
Many, but not all, biological agents take days or even weeks for their symptoms to appear. It is possible for a biological attack to occur and remain unnoticed for some time. Consequently, more people may be affected before it is clear that an attack has occurred.

It is also possible for contagious biological agents to spread far beyond their initial point of contamination as the daily routines of affected individuals broaden the reach of the agent far beyond the initial contamination area. Therefore biological weapons are considered a high risk.





INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE	CONTENT
	Experts believe that the complexities of a terrorist group's obtaining a nuclear weapon and maintaining the tolerances that are required for the weapon to function make the use of nuclear weapons by terrorist groups a low risk.
	High-Yield Explosives
High-Yield Explosives • Weapon of choice for terrorists • Used in 80% of attacks • Military munitions: grenades, mortars, surface-to-air missiles • Newer explosives called improvised explosive devices or IEDs • Any device created in an improvised manner used to destroy, disfigure, distract, or harass CERT Basic Training Unit 8 - Terrorism and CERT Basic Training Unit 8 - Terrorism and CERT Basic Training Unit 8 - Terrorism and CERT	5. High-yield Explosives are the most commonly used terrorist weapons because they are easy to get, easy to hide and activate, and they can cause extensive damage. While terrorists have used military munitions such as grenades, mortars, and shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles, experts rate high-yield explosives in the form of improvised explosive devices as a greater threat.
	Improvised explosive devices (IEDs) include any device that is created in an improvised manner, incorporating explosives or other materials designed to destroy, disfigure, distract, or harass. Most bombs used by terrorists are improvised. The raw materials required for many explosives can be purchased commercially (e.g., ammonium nitrate, which is also used as fertilizer), purchased from commercial blasting supply companies, or developed using readily available household ingredients. An IED may also contain chemicals as a means of increasing its damage potential. High-yield explosives are considered the highest risk when dealing with a potential terrorist attack.

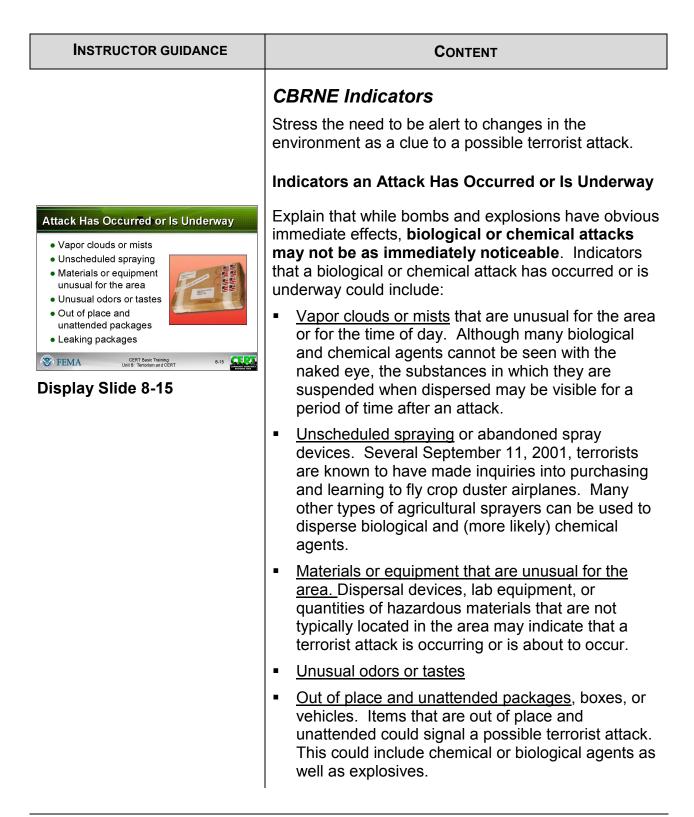


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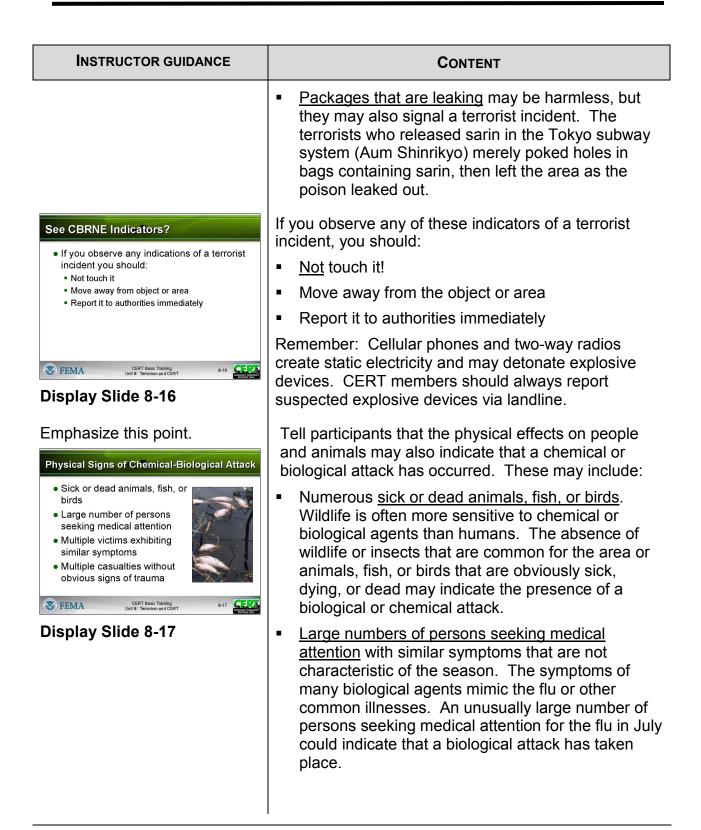
INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE CONTENT **Eight Signs of Terrorism** Tell the participants that we all have a responsibility to **Eight Signs of Terrorism** play an active role in keeping the country safe. 1. Surveillance Everyone should report to authorities anything they 2. Elicitation see that seems suspicious or out of place. The 3. Tests of security 4. Funding phrase "If you see something, say something" took on 5. Acquiring supplies additional power after the foiled Times Square bomb 6. Impersonation or suspicious people plot in New York City. On May 1, 2010, street vendors 7. Rehearsals and dry runs in Times Square noticed a smoking SUV with its 8. Deployment **ॐ** FEMA CERT Basic Training Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT 8-14 **CERI** blinkers on, engine running, and no one inside. They decided to say something to a police officer. Display Slide 8-14 Thousands of people were cleared from the area while Remind the participants that the bomb was dismantled. profiling is unacceptable. Watch for suspicious Tell the participants that through funding from DHS, behaviors, not cultural or the Center for Empowered Learning and Living (the ethnic characteristics. CELL) produced a video outlining the eight warning signs that terrorist activity may be forthcoming (www.thecell.org). These signs are exhibited by potential terrorists (often in this order) and include: 1. Surveillance: The targeted area is watched and studied carefully. This may include recording or monitoring activities. 2. Elicitation: Information is gathered that is specific to the intended target. This may be by mail, phone, or in person. 3. Tests of security: Local security measures are tested and analyzed, including measuring reaction times to security breaches or attempts to penetrate security. 4. Funding: Raising, transferring, spending money, which may include selling drugs or stolen merchandise, funneling money through businesses or charities

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	5. Acquiring supplies: Necessary supplies are gathered to prepare the attack, including weapons and weapon components, transportation, and communications. Supplies may be purchased with cash only.
	6. Impersonation or suspicious people who don't belong: People impersonating roles to gain access or information and people who don't fit in or don't seem to belong in the location
	7. Rehearsals and dry runs: Groups or individuals will often operate test runs before the actual attack.
	Deployment: The final and most urgent phase when terrorists are deploying assets and getting into position. Attack is imminent.
	Explain that the presence of even a few of these signs may indicate the possibility of a terrorist attack.
	Tell the group that, although it is not the mission of CERT members to keep constant watch for these eight signs, everyone should be alert to changes in their environment as a clue to a possible terrorist attack and report suspicious activities to appropriate authorities.

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	 Multiple victims who are exhibiting similar symptoms. Symptoms may range from difficulty breathing to skin necrosis to uncontrolled salivating, uncontrolled muscle twitching, convulsions, or seizure activity. All of these symptoms indicate that a chemical attack may have taken place. Multiple casualties without obvious signs of trauma may indicate a biological or chemical attack.
	Preparing at Home, Work, and in Your Neighborhood
Preparing at Home, Work, Neighborhood Personal and family safety is first priority! CERT members are NOT equipped or trained to respond to terrorist incidents Terrorism incident scenes are also crime scenes FEMA CERT Bauc Training Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT B-18 B-18	Stress that, because personal safety is the first priority, as with hazardous materials, CERT members should treat possible terrorist incidents as a stop sign. CERTs are not equipped or trained to respond to terrorist incidents. Professional responders will need specialized equipment and personnel to respond to a terrorist incident. In addition, it is important to remember that terrorism incident scenes are also crime scenes. CERT members should avoid taking any action that may disturb potential evidence.

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Prepare for Terrorist Activity CBRNE events are survivable Preparing for terrorist incidents similar to preparing for natural hazards • Review Unit 1 guidelines Certain actions more relevant to CBRNE CERT Basic Training Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT **S** FEMA 8-19 **CERT** Display Slide 8-19 Direct the participants to the Web site, www.readv.gov. for

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Prepare for Terrorist Activity

Tell participants that there are ways they can prepare for a terrorist incident. The CBRNE events covered in this unit are survivable and what they learn and do now may impact the quality of their survival. Many of the steps for preparing for a terrorist incident are the same as for natural hazards.

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They should review Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness on the importance of learning about community alerts and warnings, having household plans, and assembling supplies in multiple locations. This unit will focus on some of the preparedness actions and protective measures that are particularly relevant for CBRNE events. These include: sheltering-in-place; understanding the concepts of time, distance, and shielding; and decontamination.

Shelter-in-Place Procedures

additional information and

for a terrorist incident.

more detail on how to prepare

- Shut off ventilation systems
- Go to your shelter-in-place room
- Use precut plastic sheeting to cover air openings
- Tape sheeting over doors, windows, vents
- Use duct tape to seal other areas
- Listen to a battery-powered radio
- Ventilate room once contaminants are gone



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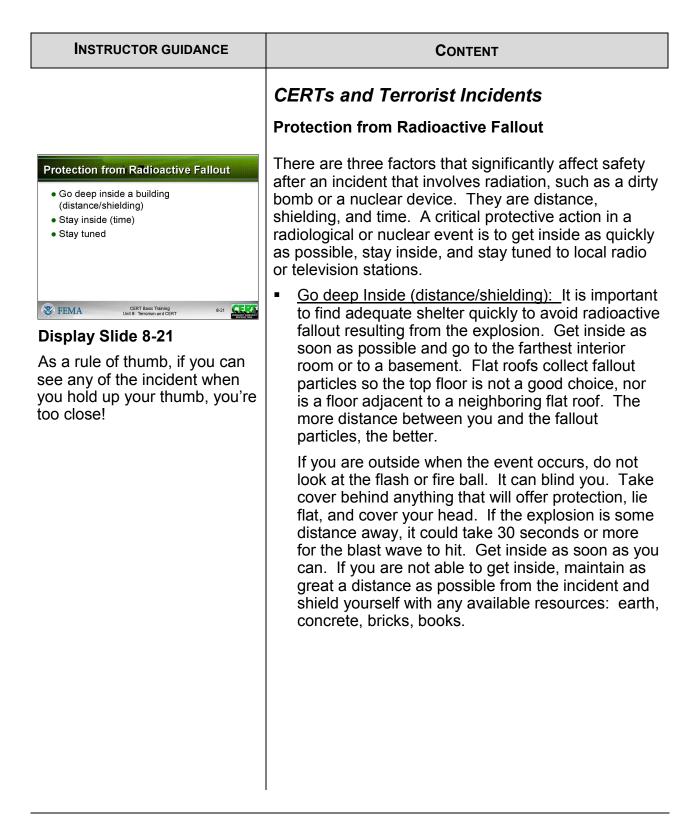
Acknowledge that the media have created negative publicity concerning plastic sheeting and duct tape.

Shelter-in-Place Procedures

Procedures for sheltering-in-place during a chemical or biological attack include:

- Shut off the ventilation system and latch all doors and windows to reduce airflow from the outside.
- Go to your shelter-in-place room (where your precut plastic, duct tape, radio, and other supplies should be stored).
- Use precut plastic sheeting to cover openings where air can enter the room, including doors, windows, vents, electrical outlets, and telephone outlets. When cut, the sheeting should extend several inches beyond the dimensions of the door or window to allow room to duct tape the sheeting to the walls and floor.

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Point out that studies have shown that sheltering-in-place using plastic sheeting and duct tape reduces exposure to chemical agents by 35 percent (in mobile homes) to more than 90 percent (in office buildings).	 Tape the plastic sheeting around all doors and windows using duct tape to ensure a good seal. Seal with duct tape other areas where air can come in, such as under doors and areas where pipes enter the home. Air can be blocked by placing towels or other soft objects in areas where air could enter, then securing them with duct tape. Listen to a battery-powered radio for the all clear. Chemicals used in an attack will be carried on the wind and will dissipate over time. You will generally not need to stay in a sealed room for more than a few hours. Listen to Emergency Alert System broadcasts to know when it is safe to leave the safe room. After contaminants have cleared, open windows and vents and turn on fans to provide ventilation. To be able to execute these procedures during an actual event requires that you: Store precut plastic sheeting in your identified shelter-in-place room Assemble and store food, water, and a battery-operated radio in the shelter-in-place room Practice sealing the room Establish shelter-in-place procedures wherever you spend significant amounts of time at home, at work, at school As a rule of thumb, 10 square feet of floor space per person will provide sufficient air to prevent carbon dioxide buildup for up to 5 hours, assuming a normal breathing rate while resting.

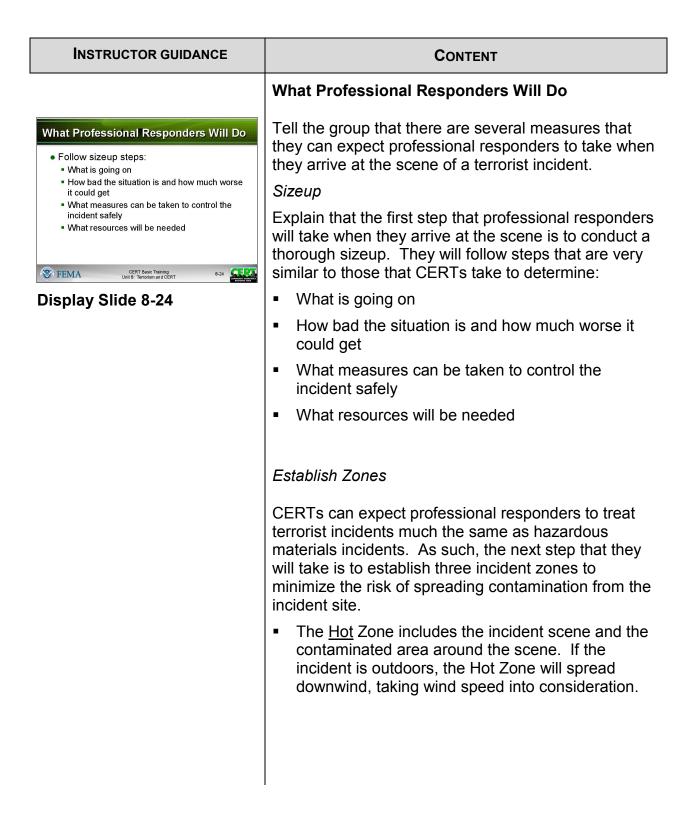


expo	Inside (time): Limiting the amount of time in area of an incident is important to limit osure to avoid radioactive fallout resulting from explosion.
colla thre notif the	r inside unless threatened by fire, building apse, medical necessity, or other immediate ats. Remain inside until you receive ication from authorities that it is safe to leave building. Be prepared to shelter inside for up to 3 days.
drop go o have	Tuned: Radiation levels outside will gradually and authorities will tell you when it is safe to utside, bearing in mind that the explosion will a caused significant damage to buildings and structure.
Basic [Decontamination Procedures
Leave the contaminated area Take decontamination action Remove everything Wash hands Flush the entire body Blot dry Report for decontamination Food safety CERT Basic Training Unit & Terrorism and CERT Be sure Lear Depouts CERT Basic Training Unit & Terrorism and CERT 8-22 CONT	ective of decontamination is to remove harmful als or particles of radioactive dirt or dust that ome in contact with the skin or clothes. to make the points listed below: ve the contaminated area immediately. ending on the circumstances, go inside, go ide, or go upwind, uphill, or upstream from the aminant. (Seek a distance of at least 1,000 to 0 feet.)

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	 <u>Take decontamination action</u>. Seconds count! The goal is to limit the time that the agent is in contact with the skin.
	 Remove everything from the body, including jewelry. Cut off clothing that would normally be removed over the head to reduce the probability of inhaling or ingesting the agent. Seal your clothes in a plastic bag.
	 Wash hands before using them to shower. If no shower is available, improvise with water from faucets or bottled water.
	Flush the entire body, including the eyes, underarms, and groin area, with copious amounts of cool water. Hot water opens the pores of the skin and can promote absorption of the contaminant. Using copious amounts of water is important because some chemicals react to small amounts of water.
	If soap is immediately available, mix the soap with water for decontamination. Avoid scrubbing with soap because scrubbing can rub the chemical into the skin rather than remove it.
	Wash hair with soap or shampoo or rinse with water if soap is not available. Do not use conditioner as that can bind radioactive materials to your hair and make it difficult to remove.
	If hosing someone else off or pouring water from a container, avoid both physical contact with the person and with the runoff.
	The water used for decontamination must be contained and covered or drained outside of the shelter area to avoid shelter contamination.

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	Blot dry using an absorbent cloth. <u>Do not rub</u> the skin! Put on clean clothes.
	As soon as possible, emergency responders will set up mass decontamination capabilities. For radiological events, stations for radiation monitoring and blood tests will also be set up to determine levels of exposure and what next steps to take to protect health.
	Food Safety. Radioactive particles in food or water may be harmful if consumed. Food in tightly covered containers (cans, bottles, plastic, and boxes) will be safe to eat or drink if you dust or wipe off the containers. Be sure to wash fruit and vegetables and peel them carefully. Water will be safe if it is in covered containers or if it has come from covered wells or from undamaged and uncontaminated water systems.
	Treating Others
Treating Others First priority for a CERT member is personal safety Take self-protective measures only Do not attempt to treat victims in contaminated area Tell victims about decontamination procedures CERT Basic Training Unit 8. Terrorism and CERT Unit 8. Terrorism and C	Tell participants to remember that the first priority for CERTs is personal safety.
	 CERT members should take <u>self-protective</u> measures only.
	 They should <u>not</u> attempt to treat the injuries of victims in the contaminated area.
	 CERT members can tell people who are leaving the area about using basic decontamination procedures and waiting for responders.

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Emphasize that individual and family safety is any CERT member's primary concern.	Remember that, as with professional responders, CERT members may have difficulty dealing with the idea that they should not try to help others, even partners, who are injured but may have been contaminated. To help the participants deal with the potential of having to make a decision to deny assistance, stress that:
	 They have a responsibility to themselves, to other CERT members, and to their families to operate safely.
	They are neither trained nor equipped to deal with contaminated victims.
	3. They cannot help anyone if they become victims. In fact, they may make matters considerably worse if they spread the contamination.
	Emphasize that CERT members must make the best decisions possible with the information that they have at hand. Even if an incident turns out not to be terrorist related, they have made the right decision if they have done the most good for the greatest number and have not become a victim themselves.



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	■ The Warm Zone is upwind (and upstream if the contaminant is waterborne) from the Hot Zone and is used to isolate victims during decontamination. It is called the Warm Zone because the evacuees can carry or spread a contaminant into this area. Professional responders will hold those who require decontamination in the Warm Zone until decontamination is complete so that contaminants do not spread.
Tell the group that zone information will help them to know what to expect from professional responders. Caution the group not to try to establish zones themselves.	■ The Cold Zone is located upwind and beyond the Warm Zone. Those who are not contaminated or who have been decontaminated will be evacuated to the Cold Zone and kept there until professional responders authorize them to leave.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE	CONTENT
	Activity: Applying CERT Principles to a Suspected Terrorist Incident
	<u>Purpose</u> : The purpose of this activity is to ensure that the participants can apply their CERT protocols to what they've learned about suspected terrorist incidents.
	Instructions: Follow the steps below to conduct this activity.
	Assign the class to table groups of eight. Assign Scenario 1 to half of the groups and Scenario 2 to the other half.
	2. Explain the situation to the groups:
	The participants have completed CERT training and are part of a neighborhood team. Being prepared, each team member has CERT gear and a disaster supply kit in the car. Each team member also has a cell phone.
PM, P. 8-18	Ask each group to read its assigned scenario and determine <u>as a team</u> what actions they should take.
	Tell the groups that they will have 10 minutes to read and discuss their scenarios.
	At the end of the allotted time, ask each group to select a spokesperson to present the team's response.
	6. Facilitate a large-group discussion of each team's responses. Solicit input from the class about whether the responses are in line with the CERT goal and protocols for terrorist incidents. Be prepared to answer questions and clarify points that the teams have about what is appropriate for the situation.

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<u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of this activity is to enable you to apply CERT protocols to a suspected terrorist incident.

Instructions: Follow the steps below to complete this activity:

- 1. Assume that you are a CERT graduate and have been assigned to a team.
- 2. Working in your table group, read the scenario assigned to your group and determine as a team what actions to take.
- 3. You will have 10 minutes to read and discuss your scenarios.
- 4. Select a spokesperson to present the team's response to the class.

Scenario 1:

It is a bright, sunny spring day. You are stopping at the Post Office on your way home from work. As you enter the parking lot, you are shaken by an explosion and see glass from the Post Office windows fly through the air across the parking lot. Although it takes you a few seconds, you realize that there has been an explosion inside the Post Office.

<u>Answer</u>: You should suspect that this is a terrorist incident. The steps that you should take are:

- 1. Move at least 1,000 to 1,500 feet upwind and uphill.
- 2. Use a landline to call information into 9-1-1.
- 3. Warn others of the possible danger.
- 4. Tell victims who try to leave the area to wait for professional responders.

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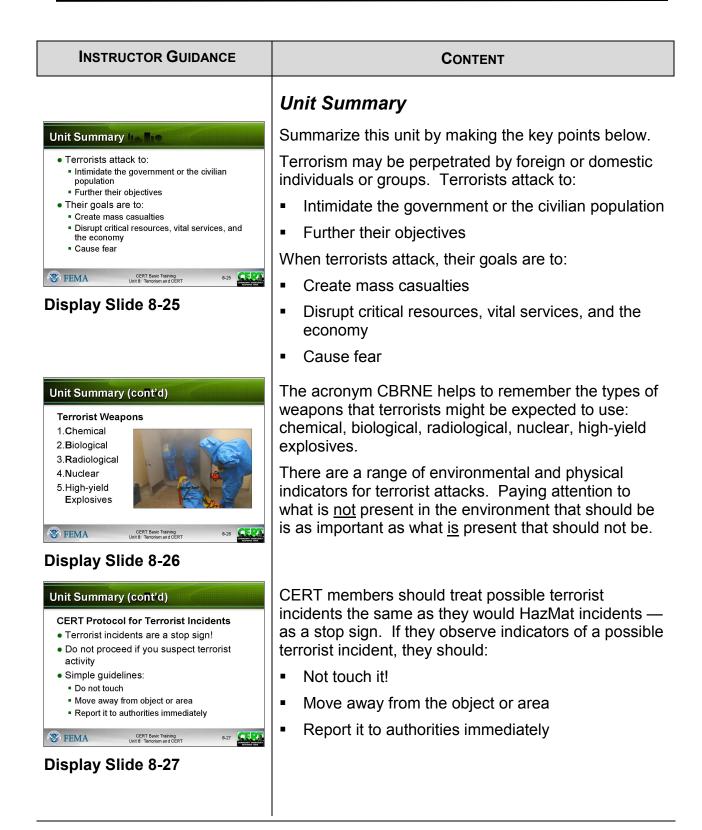
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Scenario 2:

It is a bright, sunny day with light wind. You are stopping at the Post Office on your way home from work. As you enter the parking lot, you see several people exiting the building. All seem to be disoriented. Some are clutching their chests and rubbing their eyes. One has fallen to the ground and seems to be having some sort of convulsion.

<u>Answer</u>: You should suspect that this is a terrorist incident, and it appears from the victims' symptoms that a chemical agent has been used. The steps that you should take are:

- 1. Move at least 1,000 to 1,500 feet upwind and uphill.
- 2. Decontaminate if you think there is a chance that you might be contaminated.
- 3. Call 9-1-1 to report as much information as possible about the incident.
- 4. Warn others of the danger.



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	CERTs can help limit their exposure to the harmful effects of terrorist weapons by:
	Moving quickly to limit their exposure time
	 Evacuating the area as quickly as possible, being sure to move perpendicular to or upwind of an airborne plume, and upstream if contaminants are waterborne
	 Using the protection of a sturdy building as shielding, going inside if contaminant is outside and going outside if contaminant is inside. If the event includes radioactive fallout, it is important to go quickly deep inside a building for protection.
	 Safely decontaminating themselves when necessary
	CERT members should take immediate action to protect themselves and, if exposed, follow basic decontamination procedures immediately. Because the safety of CERT members is the number one priority, CERT members should <u>not</u> attempt to treat anyone who has been contaminated or perform decontamination procedures for them.
	Stress that terrorist incident scenes are also crime scenes. CERT members should avoid taking any action that may disturb potential evidence.
	Does anyone have any questions about CERTs and their role in terrorist incidents?

