



Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs)



Force Protection Condition (FPCON) is a terrorist threat system overseen by the Department of Defense directive, and describes the measures security agencies need to take in response to various levels of terrorist threats against military facilities.

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| DELTA | Localized, specific terrorist threat or attack. |
| CHARLIE | Imminent threat of terrorism. |
| BRAVO | Increased and predictable threat of terrorism. |
| ALPHA | Possible threat of terrorist activity. |
| NORMAL | No known enemy or threat. |

FPCON NORMAL describes a situation of no terrorist activity. You can expect a routine posture at installation gates.

FPCON ALPHA (now considered the new normal) applies when there is a general threat of terrorist activity, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable, against personnel and facilities. You can expect random vehicle checks and increased crime prevention efforts.

FPCON BRAVO applies when an increased and more predictable terrorist threat activity exists. You can expect stricter inspections of vehicles, deliveries, and ID checks.

FPCON CHARLIE applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating that some form of terrorist action against personnel and installations is imminent. You can expect rigorous efforts to inspect vehicles and facilities. Military personnel may be required to participate in special guard duties.

FPCON DELTA describes a situation when a terrorist attack is taking place or has just occurred in the immediate area. The installation moves to a high state of alert, and mandatory security measures are implemented. FPCON Delta may cause delayed or canceled mission activities. You can expect delays and interruptions to daily routines.



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