



# Homeland Defense

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U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

## Understanding Weapons of Mass Destruction for Government Managers and Executives

### Overview

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Homeland Defense Unit offers a course to assist federal, state and local managers understand the nature and threat posed by chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive weapons of mass destruction (WMD). This course will provide managers the tools necessary to plan, prepare, protect and mitigate the effect of a WMD incident on their facilities. The course can be customized for a specific facility and delivered in its entirety or delivered in a modular fashion, depending on the facility needs.

The Installation Preparedness (IP) program leverages the expertise of the Army's premier chemical/biological (CB) research facility—the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center—and the experience that was gained under the highly successful Nunn, Lugar and Domenici 120-city Domestic Preparedness program. These resources, combined with the practical experience and knowledge of both Federal Emergency Management Agency and military WMD subject matter experts provides the latest developments from the field in a common sense approach to preparedness.

### Workshop Objectives

The workshop is a 6-hour course designed to provide federal, state and local agency executives and facility managers an understanding of a WMD incident and its impact on their organization. The interactive workshop employs video clips, case studies, lecture and discussion. A 2-hour practical planning exercise completes the workshop by applying workshop concepts to real life situations. Participants will receive tools to assist in revising emergency plans and procedures.

The workshop objectives are to:

- Assess the potential risks from a WMD incident
- Assess the impact of WMD on your essential functions and resources
- Integrate WMD planning into your agency (facility) emergency operations plan
- Plan for special considerations of a WMD response
- Develop a strategy to train, exercise, and revise your emergency operations plan

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