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The purpose of this page is to provide an overview of the five mission areas. The intended audience for this page is individuals, families, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and Federal governments.

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The [National Preparedness Goal](#) identified five mission areas, in which it groups the 32 [core capabilities](#) (the distinct critical elements needed to achieve the goal).

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▼ Prevention

Description: The Prevention mission area comprises the capabilities necessary to avoid, prevent or stop a threatened or actual act of terrorism. It is focused on ensuring we are optimally prepared to prevent an imminent terrorist attack within the United States.

Prevention Core Capabilities:

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Planning

National
Preparedness
Resource Library

> Technological
Hazards

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Learned
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Sharing
Program

Training

- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Forensics and Attribution
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Interdiction and Disruption
- Screening, Search, and Detection

See the [core capabilities page](#) for further descriptions.

✓ Protection

Description: The Protection Framework houses “the capabilities necessary to secure the homeland against acts of terrorism and manmade or natural disasters.”

Protection Core Capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Access Control and Identity Verification
- Cybersecurity
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Interdiction and Disruption
- Physical Protective Measures
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
- Screening, Search, and Detection
- Supply Chain Integrity and Security

See the [core capabilities page](#) for further descriptions.

✓ Mitigation

Description: Mitigation comprises “the capabilities necessary to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters.”

Mitigation Core Capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Community Resilience
- Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Threats and Hazards Identification

See the [core capabilities page](#) for further descriptions.

✓ Response

Description: Response comprises “the capabilities necessary to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs after an incident has occurred.”

Response Core Capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Critical Transportation

- Environmental Response/Health and Safety
- Fatality Management Services
- Fire Management and Suppression
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Infrastructure Systems
- Mass Care Services
- Mass Search and Rescue Operations
- On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement
- Operational Communications
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Medical Services
- Situational Assessment

See the [core capabilities page](#) for further descriptions.

✓ Recovery

Description: Recovery comprises "the core capabilities necessary to assist communities affected by an incident to recover effectively."

Recovery Core Capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Operational Coordination
- Economic Recovery
- Health and Social Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Natural and Cultural Resources

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