Increasingly, bad actors are conducting strategic campaigns where multiple bomb threats sometimes simultaneously target infrastructure. Whether these mass bomb threats are made at multiple locations, or to one location over a length of time, **mass bomb threat campaigns can have significant impacts.**

**INDICATORS**

- Threats lack specificity and realism
- Often delivered via email, phone, or social media
- Phone threats are likely to have automated voices
- Media reports indicate similar and simultaneous threats

**Cascading consequences and enhanced impact**

Mass bomb threat campaigns target specific types of infrastructure on a national level such as:

- Election Polling Locations
- Medical Facilities
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Faith-Based Organizations

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT**

May halt activities, harm commerce, and drain resources

**PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT**

May disrupt lives, create fear, uncertainty, and panic
Each affected organization or facility should carefully evaluate the bomb threat

Consider the facts, context, and totality of the circumstances, then determine a response option.

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**RISK LEVELS**

**Low**
A vague and indirect threat that poses a minimum risk to the victim or public safety.

**Medium**
A threat that is direct and feasible and could be carried out, although it may not appear entirely realistic.

**High**
A threat that is direct, specific, realistic, and poses an immediate and serious danger to the safety of others.

**THREAT RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- **Assess & Discount:**
  continue to monitor

- **Assess & Lockdown:**
  partial or full

- **Assess, Lockdown, & Search:**
  partial or full

- **Assess & Evacuate:**
  partial or full, includes priority searches

Every bomb threat requires professional judgment and should be handled in accordance with the facility’s needs. Decision Maker(s) and administrators should periodically review Federal guidance and work with local first responders to establish a Bomb Threat Response Plan that addresses each risk level appropriately and is optimal for their building(s) and personnel.

For a full list of related CISA Office for Bombing Prevention trainings and resources, please visit: [cisa.gov/what-to-do-bomb-threat]

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