
Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism: An Overview
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Description	<p><i>Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism: An Overview</i> is an instructor-led course designed to create an awareness of the complex response issues and concerns associated with a Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism (WMD/T) incident.</p> <p>This learning experience consists of a series of presentations designed to share information and generate thought-provoking and interactive discussions that will orient participants to the real-world considerations of WMD/T planning and response.</p>
Purpose	<p>The purpose of this course is to provide basic information about the issues and safety concerns related to responding to a disaster incident in an environment involving Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism (WMD/T). Participants will learn about the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by disaster workers performing duties in this environment.</p>
Learning Objectives	<p>After completing this course, participants will be able to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify at least five unique challenges in responding to a WMD/T incident.• Identify some of the potential targets of terrorists, identify the types of weapons that could be used and identify health concerns associated with those weapons.• Describe the Red Cross' need for accurate information flow and rapid assessment of the incident; identify the "First Responder" agencies; and become aware of the Incident Command System.• Identify some of the key learning points from the Red Cross' history in responding to WMD/T incidents.• Identify some of the planning and preparedness activities necessary to increase the chapter's readiness to respond to a WMD/T incident.
Audience	<p>Participants will be Red Cross employees and volunteers, community agency staff, community leaders and others who wish to learn more about a Red Cross disaster relief operation in a Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism environment.</p>
Prerequisites	<p>Recommended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fulfilling Our Mission: Translating Your Compassion Into Community Action</i> (DSGEN200A, Rev. 09/07)
Length	<p>This half-day course is 3.5 hours in length. Attendance the entire time is required.</p>

Scheduling The sponsoring Red Cross unit schedules the course for a suggested minimum of 6 and a maximum of 20 participants.

**Instructor
Requirements** This basic disaster training course will be taught by a team of authorized Disaster Services instructors. It is recommended they have experience serving on one or more disaster relief operations involving a WMD/T incident. Instructors must be familiar with current disaster regulations and procedures, Red Cross agreements with other agencies that provide disaster relief and the disaster plan of the local service delivery unit.

Materials For a list of materials, see the Disaster Training Courses page on CrossNet.
