

You could be impacted by a terrorist act...

- The Bay Area has many potential targets.
- Closer to home,  
Stanford University is a potential target.



# The Good News

- It's very hard to create a far reaching event.
  - Most terrorist events are very localized.
  - Most kill or injure only people that are within a few thousand feet of the event.
- Plumes of dangerous materials tend to dilute quickly and rarely cause immediate health effects at great distance.

# Terrorist Goals

- Mass casualties
- Loss of critical resources
- Disruption of vital services
- Disruption of the economy
- Individual and mass panic



# Terrorist Weapons

- **Biological**
- **Nuclear**
- **Incendiary**
- **Chemical**
- **Explosive**



# CERT and Terrorism

- CERT Teams do not respond to terrorist events.
- Do not touch it!
- Move away from the object or area.
- Report it to authorities.



# Hazardous Plume

- If you are threatened by a hazardous plume...
  - Shelter in place
    - Go inside
    - Take steps to limit outside air entering the building
    - Decontaminate if exposed
    - Listen to media reports for information and further instructions

# The “Duct Tape” Slide

- Shut off ventilation system.
- Go to safe room with disaster supply kit.
  - Duct tape plastic sheeting over openings where outside air can come in.
  - Seal with duct tape other areas where air can come in.
  - Listen to battery-powered radio for all clear.

# Self-Care at Terrorist Incidents

At the incident:

- Follow instructions from first responders.
- Limit exposure time.
- Increase the distance from the hazard.
- Add shielding.
- Decontaminate.





# Basic Decontamination Procedures

1. Leave the contaminated area.
2. Take decontamination action.
  - Remove everything & place in a plastic bag.
  - Wash hands before using them to shower.
  - Shower or flush with cool water.
  - Blot dry.
3. Report for decontamination.