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Update for paragraph 13.2

### THE UK NATIONAL RISK REGISTER

In August 2008 the Government published a National Risk Register, which sets out its assessment of the likelihood and potential impact of a range of different risks that may directly affect the UK. The Register is designed to increase awareness of the kinds of risks the UK faces, and encourage individuals and organisations to think about their own preparedness. The register also includes details of what the Government and emergency services are doing to prepare for emergencies.

Serious risks were characterised as of three types: natural events, major accidents and malicious attacks. The report gives an indication of the relative likelihood and impact of high consequence risks that are outlined in the register. According to both criteria, the risk of a pandemic influenza outbreak appears highest, while the likelihood of severe weather, terrorist attacks in crowded places and electronic attacks are all adjudged relatively higher, but with less widespread severe impacts

Website reference: [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/reports/national\\_risk\\_register.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/reports/national_risk_register.aspx)