

Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)

CFATS is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Questions and inquiries may be sent to CFATS@hq.dhs.gov

What is the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards Program?

The CFATS program sets security standards for facilities with potentially dangerous chemicals. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security inspects facilities determined to be high-risk to ensure the facilities have necessary security measures in place to reduce the risk of terrorist attack or exploitation.

Does CFATS apply to my facility?

Does your facility fall into one or more of the following categories?

- chemical manufacturing, storage, and distribution
- energy and utilities
- agriculture and food
- paints and coatings
- explosives
- mining
- electronics
- plastics
- universities and research institutions
- healthcare and pharmaceuticals
- other facilities possessing certain chemicals of interest

If your answer is yes, review the Appendix A CFATS Chemicals of Interest (COI) list at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/cfats-coi-list>.

CFATS applies if your facility has a chemical in an amount at or above the screening threshold quantity and/or concentration on the list.

There are some posted exemptions, such as public water systems and treatment works plants are exempt, that may viewed by visiting, <https://www.dhs.gov/cfats-covered-chemical-facilities>.

What if CFATS applies to my facility?

You have 60 days from the date you obtain a chemical of interest (at or above the screening threshold quantity) to submit an online risk assessment known as a Top-Screen questionnaire.

For more information on the Top-Screen, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/csat-top-screen>.

If a DHS review of the Top-Screen determines your facility to be high-risk, you will need to submit a security vulnerability assessment and a site security plan.

Compliance Assistance and Outreach

- *The CSAT Help Desk* supports chemical facility owners and operators. Call 866-323-2957 or email csat@dhs.gov.
- To report a possible CFATS violation, call the *CFATS Chemical Facility Security Tip Line*, 877-394-4347 (877-FYI 4 DHS) or email CFATSTips@hq.dhs.gov.
- Request a CFATS presentation or compliance assistance visit by email CFATS@hq.dhs.gov or <https://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-chemical-security>.