

# DEFCON Levels

Condition	Exercise Term	Readiness Type	Description
DEFCON 1	Cocked Pistol	Maximum Readiness	Nuclear War is Imminent or Begun
DEFCON 2	Fast Pace	Armed Forces: 6 hrs or Less to Deploy and Engage	Next Step is Nuclear War
DEFCON 3	Round House	Air Force Ready to Mobilize in 15 minutes	Force Readiness Increased Above Normal Levels
DEFCON 4	Double Take	Above Normal Readiness	Increased Intelligence and Strengthened Security
DEFCON 5	Fade Out	Normal Readiness	Lowest State of Readiness