

# **12 FAH-8 H-530 SAFEHAVENS**

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## **12 FAH-8 H-531 GENERAL**

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A safehaven is a secure room or area within a residence that affords an additional level of protection. Safehavens may be recommended or required for EMRs and PORs regardless of the post's threat rating. At high or critical threat posts, safehavens may be recommended or required. The safehaven in most cases is the bedroom area. The creation of a safehaven usually requires the utilization of a substantial door (solid wood, metal hollow core, or grilled gate) hinged on the inside that separates the living and sleeping areas of the residence. The following are criteria that should be used in establishing a safehaven:

(1) The safehaven should be located so as to be quickly accessible to all family members;

(2) All exterior safehaven room openings, i.e., doors, windows, etc., should meet the same level of protection as that required by 12 FAH-6, *Security Standards*, for exterior doors and accessible windows;

(3) The interior entrance to the safehaven should be a substantial door. The door should swing outward and if there are exterior hinges they should be secured to preclude removal;

(4) The safehaven is required to have an emergency means of egress. This can be a hinged grille with an emergency release device for a window exit, or a substantial door opening to the exterior; and

(5) The safehaven should contain equipment and supplies as deemed necessary by the post's EAC. If EAC requires radios, the post Information Management Officer (IMO) should request funding from Information Resource Management (IRM). Funding for remaining safehaven equipment and/or supplies is post's responsibility. See 12 FAH-8, Appendix I.2, paragraph (5), for a complete list of suggested safehaven equipment.

## **12 FAH-8 H-532 THROUGH H-539 UNASSIGNED**