

ACAS action threat level indicators | Levels of Contact

ACAS will use 4 threat indicators with three threat levels on each of them, based on the *Levels of Contact*, widely used in military doctrine worldwide, with a few changes to adapt to activist use.

The four threat indicators are:

- Global:** Overall safety assessment of the group or action in general. Often based on the highest threat level of the other three indicators, to mark this whole action or group with a contact probability, similar to the worst case scenario.
- Police / Legal:** Indicator used for chance of contact with police, agents of the state or legal prosecution. It determines the risk that participants of an action group are exposed to regarding arrest, police violence or prosecution. This is somewhat in line with the *LR, MR, HR* classifications, commonly used by activists worldwide.
- External:** Indicator used for chance of contact with non-state actors, interfering or infiltrating the action group. Think of the likeliness that a counter protest seeks to pick a fight with members of the action group, or the likeliness of doxxing 'journalists' entering the action.
- Internal:** Indicator used for chance of contact with participants of the action itself. Brawls caused by infighting or flare-ups during actions that attract a very broad group of activists that do not align in other parts of ideology. Substance (ab)use can also lead to a higher level of contact, internally.

The three levels of contact are:

- Unlikely:** Very unlikely that contact is going to be made. For example with *Police / Legal*: It's unlikely that arrests or police violence will occur. (*Police Contact Unlikely* or *POL-U*)
- Possible:** There is a moderate chance of contact. For example with *Police / Legal*: Arrests, while not *en masse*, will be expected to happen, if not careful. (*Police Contact Possible* or *POL-P*)
- Imminent:** There is a high chance of contact. For example with *Police / Legal*: Arrests are being made *en masse* and/or proximity to police officers likely causes to be arrested too. (*Police Contact Imminent* or *POL-I*)

Levels of Contact	Contact Unlikely	Contact Possible	Contact Imminent
Global	U	P	I
Police / Legal	POL-U	POL-P	POL-I
External Actors	EXT-U	EXT-P	EXT-I
Internal Actors	INT-U	INT-P	INT-I

