

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS)

Please view the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's website to see if your swimming facility is required to be registered under CFATS.

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 swimming facility store chemicals of interest (COI)? CFATS applies if your facility has a COI in an amount at or above the screening threshold quantity and/or concentration on the list. Please review the Appendix A CFATS Chemicals of Interest (COI) list at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/cfats-coi-list>.

One of the Chemicals of Interest (COI) that requires physical protection is chlorine, specifically, storage of gas chlorine in compressed gas cylinders with a threshold of 1% concentration and 2,500 lbs for permanent tanks (immobile) and/or 9.77% concentration and more than 500 lbs (in transportation packaging, aka, portable containers).

Pools that still use gas chlorine in this concentration and quantity are required to register their holdings.

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 CFATS@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>.