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Anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by a spore-forming bacterium called *Bacillus anthracis*. It is generally acquired following contact with anthrax-infected animals or anthrax-contaminated animal products. Anthrax has received heightened attention recently because of its use as a biological warfare agent.

How should I handle my Mail ?

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Mail-Handling Procedures

The vast majority of companies have a very low risk of ever having an anthrax exposure. Use the following link to determine if your company has a credible risk of anthrax exposure:

- [Anthrax Risk Reduction Matrix](#)

If you determine that your company has a credible risk of anthrax exposure, the following link provides some suggested mail-handling procedures:

- [Mail-Handling Procedures](#)



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