

Ukraine Frontline Safety & CBRN Risk Brief

Sample structure — not for operational decisions

This sample is designed to show the structure, tone and level of detail of a typical frontline brief produced by WakeUp / ShieldX for organisations deploying staff into or near the Ukraine frontlines. All numbers and location-level examples here are illustrative and should not be used as the basis for real deployment decisions.

In a real engagement, this document would be tailored to your footprint: specific cities and corridors, routes, roles, risk appetite, existing duty-of-care policies, and current operational tempo.

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Prepared for	Example organisation — placeholder only
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Intended readers	Security / risk, editorial or operations leads, senior leadership

Important: This is a sample only. It omits sensitive operational detail, avoids live assessments and is frozen in time. Real briefs are dated, regularly updated and clearly scoped against your footprint and decision needs.

1. Executive summary

What changed, what matters, what we think you should do differently.

This section would normally be kept to one page. The goal is not to repeat every detail, but to surface the few changes that should alter how you deploy, protect, or say no.

1.1 Key shifts since last brief

- Change in targeting patterns for selected cities and infrastructure nodes.
- Shifts in artillery, missile or drone usage that modify the practical reach of specific front sectors.
- New or escalated threats around energy, industrial or other CBRN relevant sites.
- Changes in treatment of NGOs, media and local staff in specific regions.

1.2 What we think this means for you

- Certain previously “ grey ” locations should now be treated as Level 3 for specific roles.
- For other locations, risk has stabilised enough that you could move from Level 3 to Level 2 posture for limited roles.
- Some roles (e.g. senior leadership visits, high profile filming) now carry materially higher downside than routine field work.

1.3 Recommended immediate actions (illustrative)

- Freeze new deployments of non essential personnel into Location Group A until a Level 3 posture can be met.
- Upgrade minimum kit for specific roles in Location Group B from light ballistic vests to full frontline configuration.
- Review your current evacuation and shelter plans for teams operating within reach of new long range strike patterns.

2. Threat landscape overview (illustrative)

Kinetic threats, patterns of damage, CBRN relevant scenarios.

In a live brief, this section synthesises credible open source reporting and pattern analysis of the last 3 – 6 months. It does not try to be exhaustive. The purpose is to make a few patterns explicit so that later risk levels and protection postures are anchored in reality, not headlines.

2.1 Kinetic environment (illustrative framing)

We distinguish between three broad classes of kinetic threat that matter for your deployments: area fire (artillery and MLRS), precision or semi precision strikes (missiles, loitering munitions, guided rockets), and small unit or close range threats (small arms, indirect fire at close range).

- Frontline adjacent cities within sustained artillery or rocket reach.
- Major cities and hubs periodically targeted by long range missiles or drones.
- Rear or “ safe ” areas that see sporadic strikes against specific infrastructure or symbols.

2.2 Targeting of professions and facilities

A real brief would summarise recent, credible incidents involving NGOs, media, medical facilities, energy and industrial sites. The emphasis is on what this implies for your staff profile and visibility, not on replaying every incident.

2.3 CBRN relevant scenarios (outline only)

We map out a small set of nuclear and broader CBRN relevant scenarios — from damage to nuclear power infrastructure, to strikes on industrial chemical plants, to lower level radiological and hazardous material incidents. For each, we consider likelihood, plausible warning signs, and what they would mean for your deployments.

3. Regional risk levels (illustrative)

Simple 1 – 3 bands, built from likelihood × impact × vulnerability.

This section does not contain live scores. It simply shows how we would normally express relative risk for different location groups. The actual labels (A, B, C...) would be replaced by specific cities, corridors or facility clusters in a real brief.

Location group	Illustrative description	Risk level (1 – 3)	Comment (sample text)
Group A	Frontline – adjacent city / corridor	3	Sustained artillery / rocket threat; regular strikes on infrastructure; evacuations and
Group B	Major hub within reach of long – range strikes	2 – 3	Periodic missile / drone strikes on infrastructure and symbolic targets; risk higher t
Group C	Rear area with sporadic infrastructure strikes	2	Lower frequency of attacks but non – zero risk; complacency and normalisation a

In a live brief we show how these levels connect directly to who you send and what minimum kit they must wear. The numbers are not abstractions; they are triggers for specific protection postures.

4. Protection posture by level (illustrative)

For each risk level: who you send, and the minimum kit they must wear.

The goal of this section is to destroy the gap between “ we think this is Level 2/3 ” and “ we sent people with whatever they had in the cupboard ” . Levels only matter if they change who you send and what they wear.

4.1 Sample mapping (simplified)

Risk level	Typical roles (examples)	Minimum kit (illustrative)
Level 1	Routine city work away from frontlines; low profile	Salvage kit optional depending on role; focus on movement discipline, shelter access, situational awareness
Level 2	Field reporting, NGO work in cities / corridors within reach of attacks	Technical kit; certified ballistic vest and helmet for field time; eye and hearing protection; clear communication
Level 3	Frontline adjacent filming, high profile visits, work field frontlines	Technical kit; certified ballistic vest and helmet for field time; eye and hearing protection; clear communication; plate carrier + plates, helmet, eye protection, gloves; strict limits on movement

In a real brief, this table would be expanded for your roles (e.g. local staff, international staff, senior leadership, stringers, drivers, security teams) and cross checked against your existing duty of care and insurance requirements.

5. 3 – 6 month outlook (illustrative)

Plausible developments, not predictions.

We do not pretend to know what will happen. Instead, we sketch a small set of plausible developments that would materially change your risk picture, and we indicate what early signs to watch for and how you might respond.

- Potential escalation in use of specific weapons systems against cities or infrastructure.
- Changes in rules of engagement or political signalling that affect perceived safety of NGOs or media.
- Increased pressure around specific nuclear or industrial sites, including repeated probing or near miss incidents.

6. How to use this brief inside your organisation

Most clients find the brief most useful when it is treated as a shared language between security, editorial / operations and leadership, not as a specialist document that lives on one desk.

- Attach the brief to deployment requests and approvals for relevant locations.
- Use the risk levels and protection postures as a common reference in planning meetings.
- Document when and why you decide to deviate from the default recommendations – sometimes you will, and that is fine if it is conscious.

7. About WakeUp / ShieldX Risk & Protection Lab

WakeUp / ShieldX is a small lab focused on frontline risk briefs and protection systems for organisations who actually send people into conflict and CBRN relevant environments. We combine open source analysis, field informed patterns and hands on manufacturing experience in ballistic and nuclear aware protection. Our goal is simple: fewer wishful thinking decisions about where you send people, who you send, and what minimum protection they must have.

For a live, dated brief tailored to your footprint, contact: hello@wakeupbulletproof.com