



Communities Against Terrorism

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities

Related to Shopping Malls and Entertainment Facilities

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

Individuals Appearance:

- Significantly alters appearance from visit to visit (shaving beard, changing hair color, style of dress, etc)
- Missing hand/fingers, chemical burns, strange odors or bright colored stains on clothing
- Wearing backpacks or heavy coats when the weather is warm

Individuals' Activities Consisting of:

- Overly interested in the following:
 - entry points
 - peak days and hours of operation
 - security personnel
 - surveillance assets (including cameras) access controls such as alarms, barriers, doors, gates, or locks
- Loitering, parking, or standing in the same area over multiple days with no reasonable explanation
- Observation of security reaction drills or procedures (may cause incident to observe response)
- Discreet use of cameras, note-taking, or video recorders over an extended period
- Several men arriving together then splitting up, continuing to communicate by phone (dry run?)

Individual Discussions:

- Unusual interest in speaking with building maintenance personnel or security guards
- Observations/questions about air conditioning, heating, and ventilation systems
- Suspicious comments made regarding radical theology, vague or cryptic warnings, or anti-U.S. sentiments that appear to be out-of-place and provocative

It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different; it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

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What Should I Do?

Be part of the solution.

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new customers.
- ✓ Keep records of purchases.
- ✓ Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- ✓ Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- ✓ **If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.**

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, you can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. The partnership between the community and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from

