Criminals or terrorists sometimes conceal improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in backpacks, suitcases, or common items.

Use this process to safely determine if an item is a serious threat or just unattended.

Is it **HOT**?

- **Hidden**
  - Placed out of sight
  - Appears purposely concealed

- **Obviously suspicious**
  - Unexplainable wires or electronics
  - Bomb-like components

- **Not Typical**
  - Out of place for the location
  - Potentially related to a threat

Use **R.A.I.N.**

**YES** (Suspicious)

- Treat with caution
- Try to determine the owner
- Report to an authority

**NO** (Unattended)

If an item is suspicious you should:

- **Recognize the Indicators of a Suspected Explosive Device**
  - Indicators can be related to the characteristics, events, location, or time, including whether the item is Hidden, Obviously suspicious, or not Typical (HOT).

- **Avoid the Area**
  - Don’t touch the suspected item. Instead, immediately move and direct others to move away immediately.

- **Isolate the Suspected Item**
  - Establish a perimeter to secure the area and continue to direct people away. Use frontal and overhead cover and if available wear personal protective equipment.

- **Notify Appropriate Emergency Services**
  - Describe the Suspicious items and persons, the person’s Actions, the Location of the item, the Time of placement and discovery, and Your actions to mitigate risk (SALTY).

**REPORT Suspicious ITEMS**

Contact local law enforcement or 9-1-1 in case of emergency

If you **see** something, **say** something®