



Identify Suspicious Activity

Terrorists and criminals often conduct specific activities as they plan a bombing attack. If you recognize these signs, you may help prevent such an occurrence.



B

Baseline

Establish a baseline of what normal behaviors and activities look like for your location. Anything outside of the “norm” can be considered suspicious.

O

Operational Indicators

A bombing attack requires a planning process that may include the following operational indicators: surveillance, target selection, testing or probing security, and practice runs.

M

Materials

Terrorists and criminals acquire materials to create a homemade or improvised explosive device. Some of these can be ordinary items while others are carefully monitored or controlled.

B

Bomb-Building Activity

Potential indicators of bomb-building activity include evidence of bomb-making research, testing of mixtures or devices, and chemical exposure such as stains or burns.

E

Elicitation

Elicitation is an attempt to discreetly gain information by asking questions about a place, person, or operation. Elicitation often appears as normal social or professional conversation.

R

Respond

Report suspicious activity. When a suspicious incident occurs, be observant so you can provide a detailed report. Public safety and security are everyone’s responsibility.

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

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.

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



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