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?

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<td>• Appears purposely concealed</td>
<td>• Bomb-like components</td>
<td>• Potentially related to a threat</td>
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### 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:

1. **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).

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

3. **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.

4. **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).

### If you see something, say something

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ITEMS**
Contact local law enforcement or 9-1-1 in case of emergency