Suspicious or Unattended?

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? YES (Suspicious) NO (Unattended)

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. (Continue to other side)

• Treat with caution
• Try to determine the owner
• Report to an authority
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).

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

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

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