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.

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