

Potential Indicators of Suspicious Behavior on the Internet

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

Individuals who:

- Prepare or distribute a martyrdom or extremist last will video/manifesto
- Produce or share videos, media, and/or messaging promoting foreign terrorist organizations, violent extremists, or mass killers
- Communicate intent or seek justification for a planned violent act
- Attempt to mobilize others to violence, especially family members and peers

Other suspicious activities that may not be indicative of violent plotting on their own:

- Expressing acceptance of violence as a necessary means to achieve ideological goals or address perceived grievances
- Creating, joining, or actively participating in online groups or communities that promote violent extremism or mass violence
- Sending unusual goodbyes or suspicious post-death instructions to family or peers
- Communicating with violent extremists or mass killers online
- Seeking or claiming relationships with incarcerated or infamous violent extremists or mass killers
- Expressing a desire to travel to conflict zone to fight with/support an extremist group, or idealizing life among violent extremist groups
- Attempting to illegally acquire weapons, tactical equipment and/or ammunition
- Praising successful or attempted extremist attacks or mass killings

It is important to remember that Americans have a constitutional right to express speech or beliefs that may be controversial. Speech or expression of beliefs by themselves is not a justification for investigating anyone. Just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

What Should I Do?

- ✓ Report threats (made verbally or on social media) to law enforcement
- ✓ Save copies of any online postings displaying suspicious behaviors
- ✓ If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities with detailed descriptions of behaviors

Ensuring domestic security is a community effort. By learning what to look for, you can make a positive contribution to domestic security.

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others. In an emergency, call 911.

This information was adapted from indicators provided by the FDLE and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC). For additional suspicious activity indicators, please visit the Florida See Something, Say Something website at www.FLSeeSay.Org.