

Potential Indicators of Suspicious Activities Related to Museums

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Surveillance (note taking, use of binoculars, etc.) of camera systems or maps of key facilities
- Dressing in unseasonably bulky clothing
- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding key facilities or personnel
- Attempts to penetrate / test security and response procedures
- Multiple false alarms / fictitious emergency calls to the same location or other museums
- Attempts to improperly acquire official vehicles, uniforms, badges, access cards, or identification for key facilities
- Threatening statements, emails, or graffiti
- Presence of an individual who do not appear to belong in restricted areas
- Behavior which appears to denote planning for terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios, and monitoring key facilities
- Stockpiling suspicious materials or abandoning potential containers for explosives

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

- Individuals who express interest in the ethnic or religious make-up of patrons
- Evidence suggesting that the building's HVAC system may have been tampered with
- Unusual odors or substances, oil-based stains or other flammable material
- A suspicious vehicle parked in an odd location near the building
- An unattended package or suspicious object

It is important to remember that 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?

- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people and/or vehicles.
- ✓ Report missing or stolen vehicles or license plates to law enforcement authorities.
- ✓ If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.

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

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

This information was adapted from indicators provided by the FDLE. For additional suspicious activity indicators, please visit the Florida See Something, Say Something website at www.FLSeeSay.org.