

Potential Signs of Terrorism

Certain activities or behaviors may be indicators of criminal activity or terrorist planning or signs of attack. Below are 8 signs of terrorism that should be reported to law enforcement. To report suspicious activity in Florida, call 1-855-FLA-SAFE (1-855-352-7233).

- 1. Surveillance:** Be aware of individuals recording or monitoring security activities, equipment or response times. Suspicious activity may include drawing diagrams, note taking, unusual use of cameras, binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices or possessing floor plans or blueprints of key facilities.
- 2. Elicitation/Information Gathering:** Be aware of individuals attempting to obtain operational, security, and personnel-related information regarding a key facility such as a power plant, stadium, or school. Information may be gathered by mail, fax, e-mail, telephone or in person.
- 3. Tests of Security:** Be aware of individuals attempting to use different methods to measure reaction times to security breaches, penetrate physical security barriers, or analyze procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses. Suspicious activity may include trespassing into a restricted area or leaving a bag unattended in a public place to see how long it takes for security to respond.
- 4. Funding/Fundraising:** Be aware of unusually large transactions paid with cash or gift cards, or someone soliciting a donation for a charity you are unable to find information for publicly. Suspicious activity may include committing crimes involving drugs, counterfeit merchandise sales, burglary, or even funneling money from legitimate businesses or non-profit organizations.
- 5. Acquiring Supplies:** Be aware of individuals attempting to improperly acquire items that could be used in a terrorist act. This may include but is not limited to the acquisition of explosives, weapons, harmful chemicals, flight manuals, uniforms, identification badges, the equipment to manufacture false identification, or resources that can be used to evade law enforcement detection.
- 6. Impersonation:** Be aware of individuals impersonating law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS or paramedic personnel, mail carriers, or company employees to gain information. Suspicious activity may include someone who does not appear to belong in a workplace, neighborhood, or business establishment due to their behavior, including unusual questions or statements they make.
- 7. Rehearsal:** Be aware of individuals whose behavior indicates that they appear to be preparing for a terrorist act without actually committing the act. Suspicious activity may include, mapping out routes, determining the timing of traffic lights and flow, and measuring response time by emergency responders.
- 8. Deployment:** Be aware of individuals putting their equipment and supplies into place to commit the act. *This may be the last opportunity to alert authorities before a terrorist act occurs.*

If you believe there is imminent danger, call 9-1-1 immediately.

NOTE: Many of these activities are not inherently criminal behaviors and may include constitutionally protected activities. Factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity must not be considered as creating suspicion. For additional information on how the Florida Fusion Center process and responds to suspicious activity reports, please view our [privacy policy](#).