

Communities Against Terrorism

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Storage Facilities

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

Individuals or groups who

- Appear reluctant or refuse to provide required personal information when completing rental paperwork.
- Place unusual items in storage units or facility dumpsters:
 - Fertilizer or agricultural products.
 - Chemicals or chemical containers.
 - Fuel or fuel containers.
 - Weapons and ammunition.
 - Explosives.
- Dispose of quality tools, protective gloves, masks, clothing, or shoes in facility dumpsters.
- Enter and leave the facility at unusual times without a logical reason or in a manner that would arouse suspicion in a reasonable person.
- Appear to be attempting to avoid facility personnel.
- Leave burn marks or discoloration on the walls or door of a storage unit.
- Have mail delivered to the facility without making arrangements with facility personnel.
- Enter the facility without using the entry gate.
- Request deliveries of chemicals and other items directly to a storage unit.
- Store items that emit unusual odors or leak liquids.
- Ask unusual or atypical questions at a level beyond mere curiosity about security and surveillance equipment utilized at the storage facility that would arouse suspicion in a reasonable person.
- Attempt to damage, block, or adjust a facility security camera.

It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life are different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.

What Should I Do?

Be part of the solution

- ✓ Know your customers.
- ✓ Require valid ID from new customers.
- ✓ Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- ✓ Watch for behaviors and activities that are out of place.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, behaviors, activities, and/or vehicles.

Remember...

- ✓ If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.
- ✓ Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.
- ✓ Focus on behaviors and activities that are unusual or out of place for the situation.
- ✓ Individually, these activities could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate.

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, **you** can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. The **partnership between the community and law enforcement** is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

Some of these activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined in this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

