

# PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY



## Potential Indicators of Suspicious Activities Related to Grocery and Retail Stores

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Suspicious individuals wearing unseasonably bulky clothing that could conceal weapons
- Suspicious/unattended vehicles, particularly those parked adjacent to the establishment
- Attempts to test security and response procedures (opening emergency exits, setting off fire alarms, etc.)
- Written/verbal threats or vague/cryptic warnings, including references to previous attacks, attackers, or terrorist groups
- Website defacement or graffiti containing violent or hateful language
- Attempts to block exits
- Damage to security devices like cameras, perimeter fencing or lighting
- Individuals expressing interest in facility layout, infrastructure, security, or someone taking pictures or videos of the facility without reasonable explanation
- Individuals parking or loitering in the same area over a multi-day period without reasonable explanation
- Unusual attempts to gain access to areas restricted to the public
- Surveillance (note taking, use of binoculars, etc.) of camera systems or maps of key facilities
- Individuals who express unusual interest in the ethnic, religious make-up, or 'profile' of patrons and/or employees with no explanation
- Evidence suggesting that the building's HVAC system may have been tampered with
- Unusual odors or substances, oil-based stains, or other flammable material
- 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 they are suspicious.*

### What Should I Do?

- ✓ Establish training programs, security procedures, and a threat alert system.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people and/or vehicles.
- ✓ Maintain an open line of communication with law enforcement.
- ✓ Know the delivery vehicles and staff who are routinely on the property.
- ✓ Check your inventory and report missing or stolen products.
- ✓ Report suspicious behavior.
- ✓ 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](http://www.FLSeeSay.org).

