

# PROTECT YOUR EVERY DAY



## Potential Indicators of Suspicious Activities Related To Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) / Drones

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

#### Individuals or Groups who:

- Operate a video-equipped UAS near restricted or sensitive locations like schools, power plants or military installations
- An operator who follows an individual or group with a UAS
- Operate UAS during low-light or evening hours, in violation of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.
- Claim they are operating a UAS for commercial purposes without appropriate documentation
- Simultaneously possess a UAS and material that can be converted to an explosive or incendiary device (model rocket fuses, black powder, aluminum and iron oxide powder, magnesium, etc.)
- Attempt to incorporate non-standard equipment into a ready-to-fly UAS (like a bucket to carry something)
- Inquiries (online or in-person) about weaponizing UAS or exceeding manufacturers' specified lift capacity, range or altitude limitations
- Has critical infrastructure maps, drawings or plans
- Makes unusual modifications to UAS (camouflaging with paint, hiding on-board lights, etc.)
- Reports of UAS tests that incorporate a payload or tests of payload delivery mechanisms
- Attempt to modify a UAS along with research on explosives or chemical agents
- Repeated encounters of a UAS in or near restricted spaces
- Failure to register UAS in accordance with FAA guidelines

*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.*



### Special Considerations for Retailers

A person who suspiciously and abruptly terminates the purchase of UAS in response to routine sales questions (name, purpose, gift wrap, or registration for warranty)

- ✓ Visits retailer and, after asking extensive questions or handling/testing UAS models, fails to make a purchase
- ✓ Makes cash purchases of expensive, high-payload capacity UAS
- ✓ Purchases an unusually large quantity of UAS
- ✓ Attempts to purchase a UAS based primarily on payload capacity
- ✓ A person who makes unusual inquiries regarding technological features, such as GPS or first-person-view video that enable use beyond operator's line of sight

#### **Be Part of the Solution**

- ✓ Establish contact with law enforcement to report suspicious behavior associated with UAS
- ✓ If operating a UAS between 0.55 and 55 pounds, ensure it is registered with the FAA (<https://registermyuas.faa.gov/>)
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, behaviors
- ✓ Understand and comply with local ordinance related to restrictions on UAS operation
- ✓ Visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/> to learn more about commercial and recreational regulations associated with UAS use

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. For additional suspicious activity indicators, please visit the Florida See Something, Say Something website at [www.FLSeeSay.org](http://www.FLSeeSay.org).