



BUSINESS TIP

Boat Shops

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- Full payment by cash for the purchase of an expensive boat or several small boats, personal watercraft, outboard engines, gasoline tanks
- Purchase of a boat for a purported reason not typically compatible with the manufacturer's boat design (e.g., using a speedboat for supposed fishing expeditions)
- Purchasing inquiries related to small commercial or fishing vessels by individuals who seem to lack industry knowledge, credentials or trade experience
- Individual purchases of paint or decals similar to those found on local security or port services vessels by those without authority to do so, or the theft of same
- Maintenance requests that involve unusual structural modifications (e.g., removal of seating, important fishing-related equipment, etc.), especially those that seem to reduce the ability of the vessel to perform in its normally expected role
- Demands to create additional voids or storage areas below decks, to dramatically increase fuel capacity or vessel speed, or to place vertical metal plates (or other possible shrapnel producing materials) below decks or near the bow

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

What should I do?

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY OR A CRIME IN PROGRESS, CONTACT 911. IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS WERE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A partnership between the business community and law enforcement is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

You can support this partnership.

- Require identification
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles
- Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses
- Report missing or stolen vehicles or license plates to law enforcement authorities

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

Your impressions and assessment, based on your professional / business experience, are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern, or set of circumstances is unusual.

In addition to reporting suspicious activity to your local police department, you are encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania State Police Tip Line. This will enhance the statewide situational awareness and can potentially aid in the prevention of future terrorist acts through early identification and intervention.

To report suspicious activities to the PSP Tip Line at any time, call or email:

1-888-292-1919
sp-intelligence@state.pa.us