



BUSINESS TIP

Colleges and Universities

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- You believe that the name, address or any other personal information presented by a student on an application is fictitious (for example, attempts by school officials to contact an individual using this information are unsuccessful) or any attempt to obscure true identity
- You believe facts relating to a student's visa status are questionable
- A student has submitted all course registration paperwork and fees but never appears in class
- A student suddenly withdraws in mid-semester from your program without offering a reason
- Reimbursement: A student is eligible for a refund of tuition but fails to contact school officials for it; similarly, he/she sends a third party to obtain the refunded money
- A student applying to your program offers only a P.O. Box as a residence address
- A student eligible for tuition assistance shows no interest in obtaining it, despite being furnished with this information and appearing to need aid
- A refusal to accept job placement assistance (if offered by your school) by an individual who does not appear to have already secured employment
- A student's stated reason or apparent motivation for enrolling in the program is not typical of the class experience
- Strange behavior evinced by an individual toward fellow students (e.g., remaining isolated from the group; not actively participating in classroom discussions or lending encouragement to peers, etc.)
- Information that suggests that an individual received paramilitary training overseas

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.

- Talk to individuals, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses
- Watch for people and actions that are out of place
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles

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