



BUSINESS

Farm Supply Stores

TIP

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- New customer who is not from local area
- Refusing to provide address where fertilizer will be used
- Acting nervous or impatient
- Possessing little knowledge of crops, soil composition, field size, application methods, or fertilizers
- Purchasing large quantity of pesticides, combustibles, or fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate out of season or with cash
- Appearing to be interested only in ammonium nitrate; displaying no interest in alternative fertilizers or fertilizer combinations
- Seeking chemicals with weight in excess of fertilizer distributor capacity
- Making unusual inquiries regarding equipment (e.g., tank size, spray range)
- Asking about acquiring vehicles equipped for spraying or hauling (e.g., crop dusters, crop sprayers, fuel tankers)
- Failing to state legitimate agricultural use for product
- Storing or transporting agricultural supplies in unusual containers
- Using a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state or temporary license plate to transport items such as fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate (particularly 34-0-0) or other combustible materials in large proportions
- Using cash for large transactions or a credit card in someone else's name
- Purchase of large quantities of urea (46-0-0 fertilizer), nitric acid, sulfuric (battery) acid, heximine (camp stove tablets), ethylene glycol (antifreeze), or other chemicals which are toxic or combustible

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 valid ID from all new customers
- Keep records of purchases.
- Talk to customers, 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