



# BUSINESS TIP

## Gun Shops

**TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

### What should I consider suspicious?

- A request to purchase a weapon by someone whom you believe may have undergone firearms training overseas in some type of military camp
- Inconsistencies in an individual's obvious knowledge, training and experience with the handling of firearms and his/her statements to you (e.g., an attempt to mask/conceal any proficiency possessed)
- Unusual statements/off-handed comments made by a customer that suggest an individual may be planning a criminal act. (An example may include expressed admiration or in-direct reference to individual(s) involved in a notorious, violent incident; subtle or direct mention of a radical political or religious point of view, etc.)
- Inconsistencies in information supplied by an individual who is seeking to purchase a weapon
- Purchase of bulk amounts of black powder from an unknown customer

*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
- Keep records of purchases
- Do not leave the site unattended for long periods

***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](mailto:sp-intelligence@state.pa.us)**