



BUSINESS

Home Improvement / Retail Stores

TIP

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- Shoplifting or purchasing:
 - Large quantity of ammunition, black powder or model aircraft fuel
 - Large quantity of watches, electronic timers, kitchen timers, cellular phones, or remote door bells
 - A combination of unusual items (e.g., sponges, candles, matches, bolt cutters)
 - Unusual quantity of compressed fuels (e.g., propane)
 - Night-vision equipment and camouflage apparel
 - Unusually large quantity of fertilizer type 34-0-0 or 32-2-0
 - Pipe (particularly short lengths), end caps, and pipe nipples in the same transaction, particularly if vague about their use
 - Large quantities of peroxide, acetone, bleach, ammonia, sulfuric (battery) acid, ethylene glycol (antifreeze), or other chemical components which are toxic or combustible
- Making suspicious inquiries about equipment (tank size, spray range)
- Using a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state or temporary license plate to transport combustible chemicals, fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate (particularly 34-0-0), or other materials
- Asking about a particular fertilizer without a stated purpose or displaying no interest in alternative fertilizers
- Refusing to complete appropriate paperwork for firearms purchases
- Using cash for large transactions
- Using a credit card in someone else's name

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 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