



BUSINESS TIP

Marinas

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- Moored boats for which the owner/leasee cannot be contacted over an extended period of time
- Boats that appear unusually weighted down
- Purchasing inquiries related to small commercial or fishing vessels by individuals who seem to lack industry knowledge, credentials or trade experience
- Dockside activity at unusual times (e.g., possible loading of suspicious materials under the cover of darkness or scuba trips conducted at night)
- Requests for private charter tours by individuals who display an unusual interest in non-tourist attractions (e.g., coastal oil refineries, the undergirding and buttresses of bridges, etc.)
- Individuals who opt to lease dock space under a short-term (per diem) rate and payment by cash, foregoing the considerably less expensive long-term lease selected by most customers, despite leaving a vessel moored for a protracted period of time
- Interest in the precise timing of ferry routes (e.g., observing someone using a stopwatch while studying a passing ferry)
- Possible surveillance (e.g., use of binoculars) of maritime activity such as barges
- 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
- Discovery of painting patterns fashioned to resemble those of local security or port services vessels
- Theft or purchasing attempts of harbor security or port services uniforms, access badges, or related equipment
- Inquiring about boating near restricted areas

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