



BUSINESS TIP

Public Transportation

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- Suspicious questioning of conductors, drivers, or other transportation system employees regarding schedules, passenger capacities, onboard safety procedures, security equipment, (e.g., presence of surveillance cameras vs. uniformed officers), etc.
- Consecutive round trips on the same train/tram or bus by an individual
- Individual(s) observed loitering on the passenger platform, opting to let trains/trams or buses leave without boarding
- Individuals walking around/through the passenger cars/cabins, independent of each other, taking notes ostensibly on operations and meeting as a group after their observations are recorded to compare notes
- Deliberate recording of departure/arrival procedures. Individual(s) observed timing the arrival and departure of trains (e.g., use of a stopwatch)
- Filming of security procedures / ID checks within the terminal facility
- Videotaping adjacent critical infrastructure such as bridges, airport terminals, power plants, etc.
- Individuals videotaping, sketching or photographing the station platform or any other aspect of the transportation system (e.g., riding in the front passenger car and videotaping the tunnel; videotaping the interior of the motorman's/ conductor's cab, etc.)
- Taking notes or calling on mobile phones; pacing off distances
- Discovery of a suspicious vehicle (e.g., bogus/missing license plates) within the vicinity of the transportation system terminal (e.g., inside the parking lot)
- Unattended baggage/packages
- Lost or stolen uniforms, ID's, or equipment belonging to transportation system workers
- Individual(s) bringing (or attempting to bring) unusual packages into the passenger cabin/car (e.g., boxes with wires protruding, cans, etc.). An individual hiding a package under his/her jacket (e.g., a hidden object strapped to a person's body, beneath a jacket)

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.

- Watch for people and actions that are out of place
- Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses
- Report any missing or stolen fuel, vehicles, or other equipment 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