



BUSINESS

Rental / Real Estate Agents

TIP

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- An individual signs a lease for an apartment, house or store but does not move in, and the premises remain vacant for a protracted period of time, without any apparent reason (e.g., construction, renovation work, etc.)
- An individual seeks to purchase or lease warehouse space for reasons that do not typically require use of commercial/ industrial property
- An individual seeks to renew a lease for an apartment, house or store although it was never moved into after the initial lease was signed
- A premise is used for activity not normally associated with its intended design, e.g., use of an apartment as a meeting location
- Documents submitted for personal identification or for a credit check do not appear authentic
- The individual(s) living in the apartment or house is not the same individual that signed the lease
- There is a sudden increase in the number of individuals or families, residing in different apartment buildings or houses in the area, abruptly moving before the expiration of their lease or rental agreement. This may include families that withdraw their children from neighborhood schools in the middle of the school year
- An unusual request for building blueprints or such material is missing or stolen

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
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles
- Require valid ID from all new renters

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