



BUSINESS

Restaurants, Bars, and Night Clubs

TIP

TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM

What should I consider suspicious?

- Individuals bringing (or attempting to bring) unusual packages into the premises
- Suspicious behavior by an individual attempting to enter your club (for example, a subject who is alone, excessively nervous, perspiring, wearing bulky clothing that is inappropriate for the temperature or weather conditions)
- Individuals who go out of their way to avoid law enforcement and security
- Unusual inquiries made by individuals regarding specific events scheduled at your club or regarding your club's patrons (e.g., questions about the "profile" of your club's patrons, the purpose of an event or featured club act/artist, etc.)
- Overheard conversations in which individuals/patrons make unusual or alarming statements
- Individuals found in areas of your club that are off-limits to patrons (e.g., rooms with access to the HVAC system, electrical system; roof, etc.)
- Individuals videotaping, sketching or photographing the premises for no apparent reason
- Suspicious vehicles parked outside your restaurant
- The appearance of different street vendors in the sidewalk area outside of your club
- Males with a noticeable change in skin complexion due to a recently shaved head or beard

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
- Make note of suspicious inquiries regarding security at your facility

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