



# BUSINESS TIP

## Transit Stations

**TERRORISM INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

### What should I consider suspicious?

- Individual(s) bringing (or attempting to bring) unusual packages into the transit system (e.g., suitcases, 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)
- Suspicious comportment by an individual: the subject is alone, excessively nervous, perspiring, wearing bulky clothing that is inappropriate for the season's temperature/weather conditions, etc.
- Actions by a person that suggest he/she is trying to hide his identity (e.g., wearing a bulky hat, scarf or some other article of clothing to obscure his face) or the appearance of an individual wearing clerical garb / religious attire in what appears to be a means of disguising his true identity
- Unusual questions posed about the type of security in place at the train station/stop (e.g., presence of surveillance cameras, uniformed officers, etc.)
- Individual(s) found in areas that are off-limits to customers (e.g., rooms with access to the electrical system, emergency stairwells, ventilation areas, etc.)
- Individuals videotaping, sketching or photographing any aspect of the transit system (e.g., riding in the front passenger car and videotaping the tunnel; videotaping the interior of the motorman's/ conductor's cab). An individual taking notes of the facility surroundings
- Individual(s) observed timing the arrival and departure of trains (e.g., use of a stopwatch)
- Individual(s) observed loitering on the train platform, opting to let trains leave without boarding
- Suspicious individual(s), not familiar to you, entering the transit system and who are wearing transit workers' clothing/official uniform items (e.g., reflective vest, hard-hat) or carrying equipment (tools) used in the repair and maintenance of the system
- Concern over the authenticity of credentials/identification passes of outside contractors supposedly performing work within the transit system

*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

***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**