

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Construction Sites

What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Removal or altering of survey stakes on a construction site.
- Anyone inquiring about security at a construction area.
- Surveillance of the site by unknown individuals.
- Environmental and/or antigovernment slogans, banners, or signs at the site or in the nearby area.
- Group identifiers or warning signs left on the site.
- People entering a construction site after work hours.
- Warnings or threats sent to construction companies.
- Unscheduled deliveries of materials/equipment.
- Items found on-site that do not belong or are not a part of the site materials.
- Vandalism at similar sites.
- Thefts of hazardous materials.
- Evidence of intentional damage to cables, gas lines, and power lines.
- Vandalism at the site, including window breakage, slashed tires, spray-painting, sand/sugar in fuel tanks, cutting of fuel and brake lines, and/or glued locks.
- Arson at buildings under construction, work sheds, or any kind of equipment, including trucks, bulldozers, and cranes.
- Following a crime on-site, the discovery of discarded clothing, shoes/boots, tools, or spray-paint cans along roads and paths near the site.



What Should I Do?

Maintain your construction sites.

- Secure potentially dangerous or hazardous products.
- Clean the site regularly.
- Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- Know what material and equipment should be on-site.
- Know what subcontractors and workers should be on-site.
- Do not leave the site unattended for long periods.
- Require all subcontractors to be licensed and insured.

If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.

Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

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Terrorism may be national or international in scope, but terrorist incidents occur locally and are preceded by a number of pre-incident activities. Individuals in the community are key to identifying these pre-incident activities. By learning what to look for, **you** can aid law enforcement officials in protecting the homeland.

Your knowledge of the construction industry can be an invaluable resource to the law enforcement community. In this arena, **you** are best informed about what constitutes suspicious activity.

By being aware of what to look for and knowing how to report suspicious behavior, **you** can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. **The partnership between the community and law enforcement** is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

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. Instead, focus on behavior and activities that are unusual or out of place for the situation and that appear to be suspicious.

The activities outlined on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years. 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.

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