

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: What to Watch For

The following guidelines are offered in a post “9-11” world regarding both terrorist threat and general criminal activities in any geographic location.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/ACTIVITY PROFILE

Suspicious persons are not defined by their sex, race, stature, clothing or method of transportation. Rather, the suspicion rests in the activity or action they are involved in. The description aids in their being located and questioned.

Possible Examples:

Person(s),

- loitering about at unusual hours and locations.
- running, especially if something of value is being carried.
- exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms. They could be under the influence of drugs, or otherwise needing medical or psychiatric assistance.
- carrying property that might be suspicious depending on the circumstances.
- going from room to room, in a hallway, trying door knobs or handles.
- walking through vehicle parking facilities looking into vehicles or trying their doors, trunks or hoods.
- sitting in parked vehicles for extended periods of time.

Other Examples:

- Open or broken doors or windows.
- Unusual noises or odors – anything suggestive of foul play, danger or illegal activity.
- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding facilities or personnel via personal contact or by telephone, mail or e-mail.
- Questioning of security or facility personnel.
- Attempts to test physical security/response procedures at a facility.
- Missing uniforms, identification, keys, etc.
- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures or personnel, entry points and access controls or perimeter barriers such as fences or walls.
- Anonymous telephone or e-mail threats to facilities.
- Discreet use of still cameras, video recorders or note taking at locations.

HOW TO DESCRIBE A SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE/ ACTIVITY

Person:

- Race
- Sex
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Hair Color/Style
- Clothing
 - Hat
 - Shirt/Blouse/Coat
 - Pants/Skirt
 - Shoes
- Location/Direction of travel



Vehicle:

- Make
- Model
- Color
- License Number/State
- Number of occupants
- Location/Direction of travel



Activity:

- Describe how the activity appeared suspicious



Information on suspicious activities/individuals should be forwarded to Protective Services immediately, at 362-HELP(4357).