

FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AWARENESS TRAINING



"If you see something, say something!"

It can be difficult to determine when to report something suspicious. People most familiar with a given environment are in the best position to determine whether or not something is out of the ordinary. Use common sense, and follow these guidelines:

- Trust your instincts; if something feels wrong, don't ignore it.
- Do not assume that someone else has already reported it.
- Call local authorities.
- Keep your distance from a suspicious package—do not approach or tamper with it.

When you make a report, be ready to provide your name, your location, a description of what you think is suspicious, and the time you saw it. The responding officer will assess the situation, ensure the area is evacuated and call for appropriate personnel and equipment. Technologies used to assess whether a package contains explosive material may include portable x-ray systems or bomb disposal robots.

Watch for 5 signs of Terrorism:

- **Suspicious packages/Concealed IEDs.** Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are the main terrorist threat to public places. IEDs are generally small and easily transportable. Watch unattended bags and packages. Also watch for individuals carrying multiple bags or backpacks.
- **Surveillance.** During the planning phase, a terrorist will often conduct surveillance on a possible target. Watch for people taking photos or videotaping entrances and exits. Watch for people using binoculars or drawing diagrams of the venue. Also watch for individuals trying to conceal their actions or appear nervous. Watch for individuals seeking information about security operations pertaining to the event.
- **Unseasonable/bulky clothing.** Watch for people who are wearing bulky clothing, heavy jackets or other unseasonable clothing that could indicate concealed explosives or weapons.
- **Unauthorized entrance into restricted areas.** Watch for strangers loitering near or entering "Staff only" or authorized personnel only areas. Contact a supervisor or law enforcement about any unauthorized access to secure areas.
- **Unauthorized or empty vehicles.** Watch for vehicles parked in prohibited areas, vehicles that appear to be carrying a heavy load, vehicles with non-matching plates or no plates at all, or vehicles with any visible wires, bundles, unusual containers or materials inside.

