



Federal Bureau of Investigation TRIPWIRE PROGRAM



Potential Indicators of Terrorist/Criminal Activity Related to Shopping Malls and Entertainment Facilities

Each indicator listed may be, by itself, lawful conduct/behavior and may also constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. There may be a wholly innocent explanation for the conduct/behavior that appears suspicious in nature. A totality of behavioral indicators and other relevant circumstances should be evaluated when considering law enforcement notification/response. If determined that conduct/behavior is, in fact, suspicious, law enforcement professionals should further examine the circumstances. No single indicator should be the sole basis for law enforcement action.

Speech, Actions, Beliefs, Appearances, or Way of Life does not, in and of itself, equate to a suspicious individual.

INDICATORS

People Who:

- Significantly alter appearance from visit to visit (shave beard, change hair color, style of dress).
- Have missing hand or fingers, chemical burns, strange odors or bright colored stains on clothing.
- Wearing outer garments not appropriate for the weather/seasons.
- Are overly interested in entry points, peak days and hours of operation, security personnel, surveillance assets (including cameras), access controls such as alarms, barriers, doors, gates, or locks.
- Loiter, park, or stand in the same area over multiple days with no reasonable explanation.
- Observe security reaction drills or procedures (may cause incident to observe response).

- Discreetly use cameras, engage in note-taking, or use video recorders over an extended period.
- Arrive in a group of several individuals, who don't appear interested in shopping, socializing and/or entertainment, who then split up, continuing to communicate by phone (this could indicate a possible dry run).
- Have an unusual interest in speaking with building maintenance personnel or security guards.
- Observe/ask questions about air conditioning, heating, and ventilation systems.
- Attention to or avoidance of surveillance cameras.
- Make suspicious or threatening comments regarding radical views, vague or cryptic warnings, or anti-U.S. sentiments that appear to support or advocate for violence.

ACTION

Be part of the solution...

- ❖ Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- ❖ Make note of suspicious/threatening statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- ❖ If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.
- ❖ Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, **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.

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