

Help Prevent and Detect Terrorism

If you observe or suspect terrorist activity, contact the Terrorism Early Warning Group or the local Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) immediately. If there is an emergency situation call 9-1-1 or contact your local police department.

TEWG HOTLINE:

(513) 263-8000

Fax: (513) 263-8001

FBI Cincinnati, JTTF

(513) 421-4310

Terrorism Liaison Officer

Department: _____

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Regional Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG)

**Terrorist Awareness
General Business
Community**



Ohio – Kentucky - Indiana

TEWG HOTLINE:

(513) 263-8000

www.hamilton-co.org/homeland

Be alert to suspicious customer activity:

Persons involved in terrorist activity often exhibit indicators that if observed could identify a potential impending crime or terrorist attack. The following is a list of some of the characteristics of such persons that you should be aware of during the course of your business.

1. Surveillance and probing of potential targets

- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures or personnel, entry points and access controls or perimeter barriers such as fences or walls.
- Unusual behavior such as staring or quickly looking away from personnel or vehicles entering or leaving designated facilities or parking areas.
- Observation of security reaction drills or procedures.
- Increase in anonymous telephone or e-mail threats to facilities in conjunction with suspected surveillance incidents – indicating possible surveillance of threat reaction procedures.

- Foot surveillance involving two or three individuals working together.
- Mobile surveillance using bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles, limousines, boats or small aircraft.
- Prolonged static surveillance using operatives disguised as panhandlers, shoe shiners, food or flower vendors, news agents or street sweepers not previously seen in the area.
- Discreet use of still cameras, video recorders or note taking at non-tourist locations.
- Use of multiple sets of clothing and identification or the use of sketching materials (paper, pencils, etc.).
- Questioning of security or facility personnel.

2. The following indicators may suggest logistical planning for terrorist attack

- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding key facilities or personnel through personal contact or by telephone, mail or e-mail.
- Attempts to penetrate or test physical security or security response procedures at key facilities.

- Attempts to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, flight manuals or other materials which could be used in a terrorist attack.
- Suspicious or improper attempts to acquire official vehicles, uniforms, badges, access cards or identification for key facilities.
- Presence of individuals who do not appear to belong in the workplace, business establishment or near a key facility.
- Behavior which appears to denote planning of terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios, monitoring key facilities and timing flow or signals.
- Stockpiling suspicious materials or abandoning potential containers for explosives (e.g., vehicles or suitcases).

None of the listed actions, in and of themselves, constitutes a criminal violation. However, when coupled, the acts may indicate suspicious activity that warrants law enforcement scrutiny. If you observe person(s) acting suspiciously, as described above, please contact local law enforcement immediately.