

7 SIGNS OF TERRORISM

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1 Surveillance: Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note-taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

2 Intelligence Gathering (Elicitation): People or organizations attempting to gain information about an important place, its operation, or workers. An important place might be a power or water plant, bridge, school, stadium or shopping mall. Terrorists may ask what the building is used for, about building operations, deliveries and security-related information. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

3 Tests of security: Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

4 Acquiring supplies: Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, chemicals, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

5 Suspicious persons out of place: People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes people wearing conspicuous clothing such as jackets or sweaters in hot weather. Also includes stowaways aboard ships or people jumping ship in port and suspicious border crossings.

6 Dry Run/Trial Run: Before carrying out the final operation or plan, terrorists typically conduct a dry or a trial run. A trial run consists of putting people into position and moving them around according to the plan without actually committing the terrorist act. It could also include mapping out a route to determine traffic flow.

7 Deploying assets: People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This could be a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

SPECIFICS: METHODS

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METHODS

There are various types of materials that can be used as weapons. Some of the methods used in such attacks include:

CHEMICAL:

- Toxic industrial chemicals (commercially available: Chlorine, Anhydrous Ammonia and Hydrogen Cyanide)
- Choking agents (commercially available: Phosgene and Chlorine)
- Blood agents (commercially available: Hydrogen Cyanide, Cyanogen Chloride)
- Blister agents (not commercially available: Mustards, Lewisite, and Phosgene Oxime)
- Nerve agents (not commercially available: Tabun, Sarin, Soman, and VX)

BIOLOGICAL:

- Bacteria - single-celled disease causing organisms
- Viruses - much smaller than bacteria and use the reproductive mechanism of host cells to create more viruses
- Toxins - potent poisons produced by almost every known major category of living organisms

RADIOLOGICAL:

"Dirty" bomb used to spread radioactive contamination

NUCLEAR:

Nuclear device would create devastation

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY,

Call: **305.579.6111**

(you may remain anonymous)



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Serve as the eyes and ears for your community.

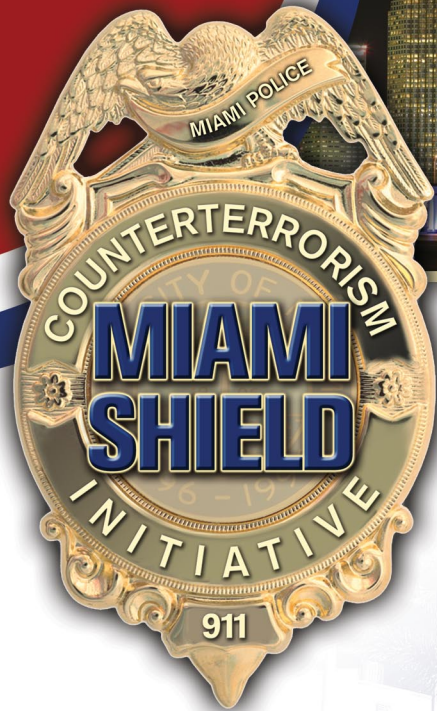
Have a plan in place at home and work.

Identify potential problems and notify police.

Evaluate your surroundings and stay alert.

Learn evacuation and emergency contingency plans.

Do not aggravate the incident; simply watch and call police.



HOW

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WORKS

Determine if it is an
EMERGENCY
or a Non-Emergency

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

As a member of the public, you are the eyes and ears of the region. You work in partnership with police and fire rescue/emergency first responders. These professionals are trained to look for suspicious activity, but are limited in number and cannot be everywhere at once. Help us expand our scope by learning what to look for in terms of potential terrorist activity.

Whether you are at work in an office building or are simply running your usual errands around town, there are ways that you can help stop an act of terrorism.

During your regular activities, pay attention to your surroundings and notice anything that is unusual. If you overhear information about a potential threat, take the threat seriously and immediately report it to law enforcement. (Notice physical description of people.)

TO DO: Review the "Suspicious Behavior" chart and the "7 Signs of Terrorism" included in this brochure.

An **EMERGENCY** is specific terrorist activity such as a person causing harm to other people or property.

Call 911

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
IN A NON-EMERGENCY SETTING,

Call: **305.579.6111** or
e-mail: homelandsecurity@miami-police.org
(you may remain anonymous)

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Individuals

- In vehicles at odd times
- Exiting secured locations
- Located at non-public areas near transportation structures or stations, or typical target locations
- Wearing unusual clothing
- Exhibiting strange behavior

Vehicles

- Abandoned vehicles
- Possible mobile surveillance activity
- Unusual decals or altered signage
- Auto frame modifications

Actions/Objects

- Suspicious packages or luggage
- Chemical fires; toxic odors
- Unusual test explosions
- Illegal access to blueprints
- Anonymous telephone or e-mail threats to facilities in conjunction with suspected surveillance incidents
- Questioning personnel
- Any unusual activity or circumstance in your neighborhood, workplace, etc.

WHAT IS Operation Miami Shield?

Operation Miami Shield is an anti-terrorism program sponsored by the Miami Police Department. This initiative utilizes existing public/police partnerships to deter, dissuade, and discourage terrorism. The combination of public awareness and police visibility, coupled with several avenues of reliable communication, is a formula that the Miami Police Department has employed in the past with great success in the crime prevention arena. Operation Miami Shield will now expand this existing partnership and utilize those core strategies as a foundation for this innovative program.