The “If You See Something, Say Something™” campaign respects civil rights and liberties by emphasizing behavior rather than appearance in identifying suspicious activity. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, and religious affiliation alone are not suspicious.

For that reason, the public should only report suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area), rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expression, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity.

Only reports that document behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity associated with terrorism will be shared with federal partners.

For more information on the ‘If You See Something, Say Something™’ campaign:
Visit www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something
Email SeeSay@hq.dhs.gov

Together, we can keep our community safe.
Report suspicious activity to local authorities.

We all play a role in keeping our community safe.
Report suspicious activity to local authorities.
WHO TO NOTIFY & WHAT TO REPORT
Report suspicious activity to a person in authority, such as local law enforcement. Don't be afraid to report something, even if you aren't sure it was serious.

WHO TO TELL
• On the street, tell a police officer.
• On a bus, tell the driver.
• In a train or subway station, tell a security guard.
• Or, call local law enforcement.

WHAT TO TELL THEM
Describe what you saw:
• WHAT did you observe? Be specific.
• WHO did you see?
• WHEN did you see it?
• WHERE did you see this occur?
• WHY is it suspicious?

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?
Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate terrorism or other criminal activity.
Examples include:
• Unusual items or situations: A vehicle in an odd location, unattended luggage/package, open door/window that’s normally closed and locked, etc.
• Eliciting information: Questioning individuals at a level beyond mere curiosity about particular facets of a facility’s or building’s purpose, operations, security, etc.
• Observation/surveillance: Unusual attention to facilities or buildings beyond a casual or professional interest. Extended loitering without explanation, particularly in concealed locations with optimal visibility of potential targets. Unusual, repeated, and/or prolonged observation of buildings (e.g., with a video camera or binoculars), taking notes and/or measurements, sketching floor plans.

Many of these activities could be innocent. Law enforcement professionals must examine suspicious behaviors in a larger context to determine whether there is reason to investigate. The activities above are not all-inclusive. They have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

Together, we can keep our community safe.
Report suspicious activity to local authorities.

For more information on the ‘If You See Something, Say Something™’ campaign:
Visit www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something
Email SeeSay@hq.dhs.gov