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**POTENTIAL
INDICATORS**
of Terrorist Activities related to

Hotels and Motels

What should I consider suspicious?

What should I do?

SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE

- Request specific room assignments or locations.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Use cash for large transactions or a credit card in someone else's name.
- Arrive with unusual amounts of luggage.
- Make unusual inquiries about local sites, including government, military, police, communications, and power facilities.
- Refuse cleaning service over an extended time.
- Use entrances and exits that avoid the lobby.
- Abandon a room and leave behind clothing and toiletry items.
- Do not leave their room.
- Change their appearance.
- Leave the property for several days and then return.
- Thefts of official vehicles, uniforms, identification, and access cards.

REPORTS OF GUEST ROOMS WITH

- Burn marks or discoloration on the walls or door.
- Unusual odors or liquids seeping from a guest room.
- Unusual amounts of traffic.
- Discovery of unusual items in guest rooms or facility dumpsters
- Fertilizer or agricultural products.
- Chemicals or chemical containers.
- Fuel or fuel containers.
- Weapons, ammunition, and explosives.
- Extremist training manuals or literature.
- Fraudulent credit cards or documents.
- Parked vehicles in isolated areas.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Report vehicles abandoned on the property to law enforcement authorities.
- Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- Make note of suspicious 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.

Some of the activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

To report suspicious activity, please call
1-877-OHS-INTEL (877-647-4683) or by logging onto
[HTTP://HOMELANDSECURITY.OHIO.GOV](http://HOMELANDSECURITY.OHIO.GOV).
In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT JUST BECAUSE A PERSON'S SPEECH, ACTIONS, BELIEFS, APPEARANCE, OR WAY OF LIFE IS **DIFFERENT**; IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT PERSON IS **SUSPICIOUS**.



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Some of the indicators listed above are, by themselves, lawful conduct or behavior and may also constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. In addition, there may be a wholly innocent explanation for conduct or behavior that appears suspicious in nature. For this reason, the totality of behavioral indicators and other relevant circumstances should be evaluated when considering any law enforcement response or action.