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## Communities Against Terrorism

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**POTENTIAL INDICATORS**  
of Terrorist Activities related to

## Martial Arts and Paintball Activities

*What should I consider suspicious?*

*What should I do?*

### SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE

- Alters appearance from visit to visit (beard shaved off, hair color changed, etc.).

### SUSPICIOUS PURCHASES

- Insists on paying with cash or uses credit card(s) in different name(s)
- Identification provided is inconsistent or suspect or demands identity "privacy".

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Customer travels illogical distance to participate, or location is illogical for group.
- Individuals who together are interested in learning group tactics.
- Nervous/suspicious behavior or evasive about group's purpose (ask other patrons about group).
- Incorporating close combat or hand-to-hand fighting into training.
- Designing a paintball field to mimic security checkpoints (such as schools, theaters, airports, malls).
- Using diagrams to create obstacles (may resemble building or airport security, etc.).
- Creating scenarios that incorporate law enforcement.
- Practicing kidnapping or ambush scenarios; may simulate use of RPG or explosives.
- Referring to military/jihad training manuals or clearly submitting to a leader in the group.
- Operating a private facility that's not available or advertised to the public.
- Converting large plots of rural land to paintball fields or military style training camps.

### SUSPICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

- Interest in learning offensive moves in a confined space.
- Interest in learning the use of hidden weapons.
- Interest in learning kill and restraint techniques with no occupational need.
- Participants making racist or extreme religious statements.
- Unusual comments made regarding anti-US, radical theology, vague or cryptic warnings.

### BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Require valid ID from all new customers.
- Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- 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.