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**POTENTIAL
INDICATORS**
of Terrorist Activities related to

Rental Trucks

What should I consider suspicious?

What should I do?

SUSPICIOUS PURCHASING ACTIVITY

- Reluctance to provide complete personal information when completing rental paperwork.
- Providing multiple names on rental paperwork.
- Inability to recall the name used to rent a vehicle.
- Using cash for large transactions or a personal credit card in someone else's name.
- Returned vehicles that contain
 - Unusual burn marks or odors.
 - Fertilizer or chemical residue.
 - Blueprints, photographs, or video of buildings and landmarks.
 - Extremist training manuals or literature.
 - Surveillance equipment.
 - Receipts for hazardous items.
 - Weapons and explosives.
 - Maps with sensitive locations marked.
- Inquiries about renting a truck with a wooden floor.
- Unusual questions regarding
 - A vehicle's dimensions, fuel capacity, or interior volume.
 - Local sites, including government, military, law enforcement, communications, and power facilities.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Efforts to quickly collect deposits for vehicles reported as stolen.
- Reports of abandoned rental vehicles, particularly those near:
 - Military bases.
 - Government buildings.
 - Power plants.
 - Shopping malls.
 - Stadiums.
 - Schools.
- Individuals surveilling the facility.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Require a valid driver's license from all customers.
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- Report any missing or stolen vehicles or license plates to law enforcement authorities.
- 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.