

# Suspicious Activity

Suspicious Activity Reports are one of the best defenses against terrorist threats and are a resource for building resilience. Every day, members of the public work with law enforcement officers to help keep our communities safe by reporting activities that are out of the ordinary and suspicious. It is critical that law enforcement officers at all levels of government observe suspicious behaviors or receive reports from concerned civilians, private security, and other government agencies. These reports of suspicious activity play a vital role in countering terrorism and crime as they contribute to 9 out of every 10 arrests that are made.

## **Examples of Suspicious Activity:**

- Acting nervous or suspicious, possibly mumbling to themselves, heavy sweating.
- Monitoring personnel or vehicles entering or leaving facilities.
- Burns on body, missing finger(s) or hand, bloody clothing, bleached body hair or bright colored stains on clothing; switch or wires concealed in hand, clothing or backpack.
- Unusual or prolonged interest in security measures, entry/exit points or unattended vehicles.
- Purposely placing objects in sensitive or vulnerable areas to observe security response.
- Individuals or actions which are out of place (e.g. over or underdressed for the weather).
- Unusual, vague or cryptic threats, warnings or comments about harming others.

## **Report Suspicious Activity.**

**Indiana Information Fusion Center:  
1-877-226-1026**

**Federal Bureau of Investigations:  
1-317-595-4000**

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Important Details to Note Regarding Suspicious Activity:

Location (address, intersection or milepost):

Date and Time:

Description of Activity:

Number and description of individuals:

- Gender
- Approximate Age
- Physical Description
- Unique Characteristics

Description of any vehicles involved:

- Make
- Model
- Year
- Color
- License Plate Number

Direction of travel of an individuals or vehicles involved:

An aware and engaged public that understands what constitutes unusual and suspicious behavior is essential to protecting our communities from terrorist threats. For example, a person taking photos at a high profile event is not unusual in itself. However, if the person is only taking photos of the location of surveillance cameras or security personnel, that activity would be suspicious.

**For more information on Suspicious Activities and Terrorism, visit [getprepared.in.gov](http://getprepared.in.gov).**