

# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Construction Sites

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Removal or altering of survey stakes on a construction site.
- Anyone inquiring about security at a construction area.
- Surveillance of the site by unknown individuals.
- Environmental and/or antigovernment slogans, banners, or signs at the site or in the nearby area.
- Group identifiers or warning signs left on the site.
- People entering a construction site after work hours.
- Warnings or threats sent to construction companies.
- Unscheduled deliveries of materials/equipment.
- Items found on-site that do not belong or are not a part of the site materials.
- Vandalism at similar sites.
- Thefts of hazardous materials.
- Evidence of intentional damage to cables, gas lines, and power lines.
- Vandalism at the site, including window breakage, slashed tires, spray-painting, sand/sugar in fuel tanks, cutting of fuel and brake lines, and/or glued locks.
- Arson at buildings under construction, work sheds, or any kind of equipment, including trucks, bulldozers, and cranes.
- Following a crime on-site, the discovery of discarded clothing, shoes/boots, tools, or spray-paint cans along roads and paths near the site.

*It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life is different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.*

### What Should I Do?

#### **Maintain your construction sites.**

- ✓ Secure potentially dangerous or hazardous products.
- ✓ Clean the site regularly.
- ✓ Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- ✓ Know what material and equipment should be on-site.
- ✓ Know what subcontractors and workers should be on-site.
- ✓ Do not leave the site unattended for long periods.
- ✓ Require all subcontractors to be licensed and insured.

#### **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.