

# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Rental Properties

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Renters who
  - Use cash for large transactions or a credit card in someone else's name.
  - Make unusual inquiries about local sites, including government, military, law enforcement, communications, and power facilities.
  - Refuse maintenance or service over an extended time.
  - Use entrances and exits that avoid the lobby.
  - Abandon a property.
  - Do not appear to be using a property for its intended purpose.
  - Receive an unusual number of package deliveries.
- Reports of
  - Burn marks or discoloration on walls or doors.
  - Unusual odors or liquids seeping from a property.
  - Unusual amounts of traffic.
  - Parked vehicles in isolated areas.
- Unknown persons asking for directions to sensitive areas on a property, including utility and security rooms.
- Properties that contain furniture or surveillance equipment that is inconsistent with the intended use.
- Discovery of unusual items at a property or dumpsters
  - Fertilizer or agricultural products.
  - Chemicals or chemical containers.
  - Fuel or fuel containers.
  - Weapons, ammunition, and explosives.
  - Extremist training manuals or literature.
- Unusual requests for schematics or blueprints of a property.
- Locks being replaced without permission.
- Modifications to a property that are designed to conceal storage areas.

*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?

#### Be part of the solution.

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new renters.
- ✓ Keep records of transactions.
- ✓ Talk to renters, 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.