



You can help **prevent terrorism**
in our back yard just by
paying attention
and **speaking up**

as a member of a partner agency, here are some ways you can do your part to keep our city safe

if you
SEE
something
SAY
something™

Recently, media outlets have raised the public's attention to an increasing, although undefined, terrorist threat. International terrorist organizations have continued to demonstrate their interest in conducting attacks in the U.S. Of concern for law enforcement is the possibility that a lone individual who associates with or is inspired by extremist groups might try to stage an attack. The threat picture we're seeing shows an adversary that is evolving and adapting quickly, and determined to strike us at home. We constantly remain on the alert and strive to keep the public informed.

Fortunately, we are empowered to protect ourselves through a number of means. First, as members of the community, we are able to *see* things that are out of line from the norm, and then *say* something about it by calling 911 to report these suspicious actions and events. In many instances, it is very subtle observations that can make the difference between interceding and stopping a dangerous act, or not.

Here are some unusual behaviors that could be indicators of terrorist planning.

- » **Surveillance.** Are you aware of anyone recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., in your neighborhood?
- » **Stockpiling Materials.** Have you observed abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of suspicious materials or trash, or persons loitering in your neighborhood?
- » **Suspicious Persons/Questioning.** Has anyone attempted to gain unusual information in person, by phone, mail, or email regarding your business or a facility nearby?
- » **Acquiring Supplies.** Are you aware of anyone trying to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, or other dangerous materials that could be used in a terrorist act?

To that end, as you go about your daily routine, the Metropolitan Police Department asks that you remain ever vigilant in your awareness of the following: (1) others who are behaving in an unusual way; (2) strange smells that seem out of sorts [particularly chemical odors]; (3) the delivery of odd looking packages, machines, and devices to you or others around your home or business; and (4) other out-of-the-ordinary actions you happen to see.

▶ **To report in-progress threats or emergencies,**

call **911**

▶ **To report suspicious activity that has already occurred,**

call **(202) 727-9099**

Make a report at **iwatchdc.dc.gov**

How to Describe or Report Suspicious Behavior

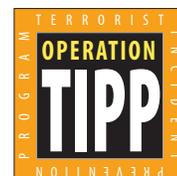
Person

- » Sex
- » Race
- » Height
- » Weight
- » Build (medium, heavy)
- » Hair (color, length, include facial hair)
- » Complexion (light, dark, olive)
- » Peculiarities (scars, tattoos, missing limbs)
- » Clothing (from head to toe, style, etc.)
- » Weapons (if any)
- » Method of transportation (direction, vehicle, etc.)

Vehicle

- » License plate and state
- » Year, make, model and color
- » Body type (2-door, 4-door, van, SUV)
- » Number of passengers
- » Damage or anything unusual (logos, etc.)

For more information, visit
www.mpdc.dc.gov/tipp
www.mpdc.dc.gov/iwatch



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Helpful Links

- » **Operation TIPP** (Terrorist Incident Prevention Program) provides an easy and convenient way to report suspicious activity. Calls are taken 24 hours a day at (202) 727-9099. Get more information about Operation TIPP and download a helpful brochure at:

www.mpdc.dc.gov/tipp

- » **Report suspicious activity** to the FBI online at:

tips.fbi.gov

- » **Emergencies can occur quickly and without warning.** The best way to keep yourself and your family safe is to be prepared before an emergency strikes. Learn more at:

72hours.dc.gov

- » **In the event of a terrorist attack,** natural disaster or other large-scale emergency, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will provide a coordinated, comprehensive federal response and mount a swift and effective recovery effort. DHS also encourages individuals and families to be prepared. Find out more at:

[www.dhs.gov/files/
prepresprecovery.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/prepresprecovery.shtm)

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