



Chemical Industry

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Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities

- **Surveillance-** Someone recording or monitoring activities, including cameras, security personnel, and shipping and receiving areas.
- **Elicitation-** People or organizations attempting to gain inappropriate information from chemical facilities including number of security guards, shifts, types and concentrations of chemicals produced, and shipping and receiving schedules.
- (i.e. Individuals calling a chemical facility to inquire about certain chemicals and how to acquire them.)
- **Tests of Security-** Attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches, penetrate physical security barriers, or monitor procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- (i.e. Break ins where nothing from the chemical facility is stolen, indicating that the individuals likely are testing security and response time and capability instead of simply intending to steal items from the facility.)
- **Supplies-** Attempting to purchase or steal items from chemical facilities or chemicals from other facilities that could be used to make explosives or biological agents.
- (i.e. An individual posing as a chemical company in Colorado in order to purchase chemicals from a Washington State chemical facility.)
- **Impersonation-** Attempting to access a chemical facility by impersonating security guards, inspections personnel, or drivers; or acquiring jobs in these fields in order to gather information about the facility that can be used to compromise it later.

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.

Call the State Hotline:
[1-877-843-9522](tel:1-877-843-9522) or e-mail:
intake@wsfc.wa.gov, to report all other suspicious incidents.

Be part of the solution:

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new customers.
- ✓ Keep records of purchases.
- ✓ Talk to customers, 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.

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.



Call 911 to report suspicious incidents or unusual activity that may require immediate law enforcement response.