

Understand and Recognize Precursor Activity



Certain kinds of activities can indicate terrorist plans are in the works, especially when they occur at or near high-profile sites or places where large numbers of people gather.

Recognize the Signs

- 🔍 **SURVEILLANCE** Anyone who may be recording or engaged in monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars or other observation equipment at the facility
- 🔍 **DEPLOYING ASSETS** Abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of suspicious materials, or persons being deployed near the facility
- 🔍 **SUSPICIOUS PERSONS** Anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or near the facility
- 🔍 **SUSPICIOUS QUESTIONING** Attempting to gain information about the facility or its personnel in person, by phone, mail, email or other communication methods
- 🔍 **ACQUIRING SUPPLIES** Any attempt to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunitions, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards or identification for the facility, or to legally obtain items that could be used in a terrorist act under suspicious circumstances
- 🔍 **DRY RUNS** Behavior that appears to be preparation for terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios with other people, monitoring key facilities or other suspicious activities
- 🔍 **TESTS OF SECURITY** Any attempt to penetrate or test physical security or procedures at a facility or event



Recognizing and reporting precursor intelligence-gathering activities can help prevent potential terrorist events and other threats. Security officers should follow post orders for reporting suspicious activity while on duty. The FBI encourages all others to contact local police, the FBI or the nearest Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) to report suspicious activity or behavior. If there is an emergency or immediate threat, **CALL 911.**