



Suspicious or Unattended?

OFFICE FOR BOMBING PREVENTION

Criminals or terrorists sometimes conceal improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in backpacks, suitcases, or common items.

Use this process to safely determine if an item is a serious threat or just unattended.



Is it

H O T ?

Hidden

- Placed out of sight
- Appears purposely concealed

Obviously suspicious

- Unexplainable wires or electronics
- Bomb-like components

not Typical

- Out of place for the location
- Potentially related to a threat

Use R.A.I.N.

YES
(Suspicious)

NO
(Unattended)

- Treat with caution
- Try to determine the owner
- Report to an authority

If an item is suspicious you should:



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Recognize the Indicators of a Suspected Explosive Device

Indicators can be related to the characteristics, events, location, or time, including whether the item is Hidden, Obviously suspicious, or not Typical (HOT).



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Avoid the Area

Don't touch the suspected item. Instead, immediately move and direct others to move away immediately.



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Isolate the Suspected Item

Establish a perimeter to secure the area and continue to direct people away. Use frontal and overhead cover and if available wear personal protective equipment.



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Notify Appropriate Emergency Services

Describe the **S**uspicious items and persons, the person's **A**ctions, the **L**ocation of the item, the **T**ime of placement and discovery, and **Y**our actions to mitigate risk (SALTY).

If you **see** something, **say** something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

Contact **local law enforcement** or **9-1-1** in case of emergency

