

SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS

Unattended objects , packages ,briefcases or bags may simply be forgotten or discarded by mistake – but it’s better to be safe than sorry.

Do report if you see:

- Bags, boxes or other packages left unattended at crowded places , malls , multiplexes ,markets ,on buses and trains, in stations, on platforms or on train tracks—especially if partially hidden or in unusual locations.
- Exposed wiring, leaks, strange smells or other signs of potential tampering

What to do when you see a suspicious object

DO'S & DON'TS

DON'TS

1. Do not touch or remove the object .
2. Do not open or puncture package.
3. Do not submerge packet into water.
4. Do not accept identification marks on its face value.
5. Do not pass metallic object over the package.
6. Do not direct flash light directly over the suspected object.
7. Do not cut the strings or wire.
8. Do not try to bring suspected device in security control room or police station. Always remove the people and not the bomb from scene.
9. Do not attempt to open the baggage by hand.
10. Do not use portable radio equipment or cell phones within 100 feet of the suspicious object.

DO'S

1. Do evacuate people immediately to a safe distance.
2. Open all windows & doors.
3. Place sand bags around the suspected object.
4. Inform Police immediately.
5. Inform fire brigade, Hospital & Ambulance also.
6. Assist the police in their operations and abide by their instructions.
7. If its a secluded spot or if you cant stay , remember where you saw the object. If you can, leave something behind to mark the location. Go back the same way you came. There might be other UXO in the area; the safest route is from where you came.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

Suspicious activities are mostly detected by commonsense. The guiding principle here is oddity. Anything that is not a normal activity may and should arouse suspicion. Without being exhaustive, the following activities may be described as suspicious:

- No or evasive answers to simple questions regarding occupation, purpose, destinations
- deliberate attempts to avoid contact with others or to draw attention.
- less than normal socialising in the neighborhood
- Placing a package or luggage and then going away
- In a train placing a package or luggage in a different compartment than the one he is occupying.
- renting a house for a short duration
- If someone is tampering with security equipments ,surveillance cameras etc
- holding his briefcase or package slightly away from body

- Persons videotaping, sketching or taking notes on transit equipment and facilities or security equipment.
- renting a house and not going for a gas connection
- Loose fitting clothing, large sweatshirt, vest or jacket in hot weather conditions. Clothing that is disproportionate to the body type of the person.
- using a mobile phone that works even in no signal areas (it maybe a satellite phone)
- Attempts to abandon a vehicle in or near a transit parking facility, or cars in the parking lot without proper tags and license plates.
- frequent nocturnal activities
- hesitation in allowing people to come inside their homes
- Consecutive round trips along the same route.
- Loitering near premises or in the lobby of premises for an extended period of time.
- Asking specific questions concerning the security of the premises (e.g. the number of security guards deployed at the premises and the type of security hardware installed at the premises).
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- Asking questions about the personal movement of a specific or prominent individual (e.g. arrival & departure times, vehicle licence number or parking lot number).

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBSERVE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

- Best course of action is to alert the police.
- However if circumstances permit and appear safe (like daylight, non-secluded spot), you may ask for his / her identity and purpose of visit and engage him till Police arrive. While awaiting the arrival of the Police, you should discreetly observe the suspicious person and keep the Police updated on his behavior and movement. Note the appearance and behavior of the suspicious person and provide the Police with these details.
- If a suspicious person keeps asking about a specific or prominent individual working in your premises, ask the suspicious person to identify himself first and try to crosscheck his credentials. This will deter a non-genuine visitor.

In case of a Firing incident

- Lie down onto the ground immediately.
- Immediately silence your cellphones
- Do not show any unwanted curiosity. The criminal may feel threatened and shoot at you.
- When possible, move to a safer place, slowly, without drawing attention to yourself. Take cover behind solid objects like a car or a wall.
- If you can see the criminals from your hiding place, try to note and memorize their distinguishing features.
- If you are out of sight of the criminals, call up 100 and inform the Police. If you are within earshot, try to remember their conversation.
- Do not disturb the scene of the crime.

IN CASE POLICEMEN ARE CHASING A CRIMINAL...

1. Give way to the police immediately
2. providing assistance to police is your duty
3. If possible, note down the number of the escaping vehicle and the identity of the occupants
4. Remember the entry and exit routes of the criminals

Evacuation

When an Evacuation Is Ordered

Sometimes the police may order evacuation of a building or premises in view of a threat. It is important that this is done in an orderly fashion to prevent stampede ,precious time and confusion

- Stay calm. Do not panic.
- Make sure that you are not leaving any person behind.
- use the lift only if not prohibited.
- Walk quickly without running.
- Help the elderly, the young and the disabled along the way.
- listen carefully to security instructions
- If police are asking you to evacuate an area where an explosion has occurred , do leave the area. there may be secondary explosions.

Do help the police help you by listening to their directions