

# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Storage Facilities

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- Failing to provide complete personal information when completing rental paperwork.
- Using cash to pay rental fees in advance.
- Failing to pay rent for a storage unit in a timely manner.
- Using a credit card in someone else's name.
- Inquiring about security and surveillance equipment utilized at the storage facility.
- Placing unusual items in storage units or facility dumpsters
  - Fertilizer or agricultural products.
  - Chemicals or chemical containers.
  - Fuel or fuel containers.
  - Weapons and ammunition.
  - Explosives.
- Disposing of tools or protective gloves, masks, or clothing.
- Discarding clothing or shoes in new condition.
- Entering and leaving storage facility at unusual times.
- Avoiding contact with rental facility personnel.
- Accessing the facility an unusual number of times.
- Requesting deliveries of chemicals and other items made directly to a storage unit.
- Leaving burn marks or discoloration on the walls or door of a storage unit.
- Storing items that emit unusual odors or leak liquids.

*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.*

### What Should I Do?

#### **Be part of the solution.**

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new customers.
- ✓ 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.**

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, **you** can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. 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.