



8 Signs of Terrorism



#1 Surveillance

Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

#2 Elicitation

People or organizations attempting to gain information about law enforcement and/or military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

#3 Tests of Security

Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

#4 Acquiring Supplies

Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items), or any other controlled items.

#5 Suspicious Persons Out of Place

People who do not seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

#6 Dry Run/Trial Run

Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

#7 Deploying Assets

People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

#8 Financing

Suspicious transactions involving large cash payments, deposits, or withdrawals are common signs of terrorist funding. Collections for donations, the solicitation for money and criminal activities are also warning signs.