

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR IN CHURCH

SEE IT, HEAR IT, REPORT IT

Below are common suspicious behaviors that should raise concern. **No one behavior alone is cause for suspicion.** If multiple behaviors are present, you should become suspicious and act accordingly.

- Nervousness which can include, looking around excessively, minimal eye contact, sweating, unusual staring
- Repeated entrances/exits from the building with no noticeable reason *i.e. not using the restroom or checking on their child*
- Inappropriate, oversized, loose-fitting clothes *i.e. wearing a large coat during the summer months*
- Hands in pockets and not removing them even during clapping, etc.
- Favoring one side/adjusting waistbands, ankles or other clothing that may indicate a firearm. Watch closely when they sit or stand to see if a concealed weapon is visible or noticeable.
- If possible, watch people exiting their cars and how they walk toward the church for signs of an individual carrying a weapon
- Questions beyond curiosity about security protocol, typical behaviors of the pastor/staff/leadership/congregation, how many children are present, etc.
- Carrying in a bag and then exiting while leaving the bag behind.
- Photography of uncommon areas

Additional suspicious indicators on reverse side

If You Feel Safe To Do So:

- Speak to the individual in a pleasant manner by welcoming them to our church
- During this conversation, pay attention to inconsistencies with normal behaviors
- If the conversation does not alleviate suspicion, alert an elder or staff member.
- If the conversation increases suspicion, call 9-1-1.

When Calling 9-1-1

- Be prepared to provide our church name and address as well as your information
- Let the dispatcher know that you want to report **in-progress** suspicious activity
- Be prepared to give a description of the person and activity
- Meet the responding officer(s) in the lobby.

Protect your every day.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT

Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or kill people or damage a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



PHOTOGRAPHY/SURVEILLANCE

Taking pictures or videos, or a prolonged interest in personnel, facilities, security features, or infrastructure in an unusual or covert manner



THEFT/LOSS/DIVERSION

Stealing or diverting items—such as equipment, uniforms, or badges—that belong to a facility or secured site



TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY

Investigating or testing a facility's security or IT systems to assess the strength or weakness of the target



AVIATION ACTIVITY

Operating or interfering with the operation of an aircraft that poses a threat of harm to people and property



BREACH/ATTEMPTED INTRUSION

Unauthorized people trying to enter a restricted area or impersonating authorized personnel



ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE

Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as facility security, military tactics, or flying an aircraft



ELICITING INFORMATION

Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event, facility, or operations



MISREPRESENTATION

Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible illegal activity



CYBERATTACK

Disrupting or compromising an organization's information technology systems



RECRUITING/FINANCING

Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting people to participate in criminal or terrorist activity



SABOTAGE/TAMPERING/VANDALISM

Damaging or destroying part of a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



MATERIALS ACQUISITION/STORAGE

Acquisition and/or storage of unusual materials such as cell phones, radio controllers, or toxic materials



WEAPONS COLLECTION/STORAGE

Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of weapons including explosives, chemicals, or other destructive materials



SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT

Actions which raise concern to specific sectors, (e.g., power plant) with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions