



If You See Something, Say Something™

The If You See Something, Say Something™ campaign is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise public awareness about terrorism and the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local authorities.

- Local communities and citizens play an important role in preventing terrorism and keeping our communities safe.
- The public should report suspicious activity or suspicious behavior.
- Anyone who sees suspicious activity in Maine is asked to call their local law enforcement agency or **9-1-1 in case of an emergency or if a crime is in progress**.

What is considered suspicious activity?

- Suspicious activity may include an unusual interest in gaining sensitive information about facility security, operations, or maintenance.
- An unattended bag or backpack.
- Suspicious purchases of items that could be used to construct an explosive device, including hydrogen peroxide, acetone, gasoline, propane, or ammonium nitrate fertilizers.
- Theft of explosive materials.
- Theft of security personnel uniforms or credentials
- Attempted or unauthorized access to rooftops or other potentially sensitive areas.
- Individuals acting suspiciously around the entrances to an event location.
- Unusual or bulky clothing that is inconsistent with the weather.

What information should I report?

- **Who** or **what** you saw
- **When** you saw it
- **Where** it occurred
- **Why** it's suspicious

What happens when I call to report suspicious activity?

- If you call 9-1-1, or your local law enforcement agency non-emergency number, your local law enforcement agency will handle the call and, if warranted, they will provide the information to the Maine Information and Analysis Center (MIAC) or FBI.
- The MIAC is part of a national network of Fusion centers that coordinates information with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners.
- Only reports that document behavior that is reasonably indicative of criminal activity associated with terrorism will be shared with federal partners.

How do I know if my report will be taken seriously?

- State and local law enforcement agencies are trained to recognize behaviors and indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime. If you are unsure, call and discuss your concern.
- If the information you provide indicates suspicious activity, a suspicious activity report will be generated by the law enforcement agency.
- Suspicious activity includes behavior not appearance and does not include factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity.

