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**POTENTIAL INDICATORS**  
of Terrorist Activities related to

## Bulk Fuel Distributors

*What should I consider suspicious?*

*What should I do?*

### SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE

- New customer who is not from the area.

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Unauthorized individuals in fuel storage areas.
- Individuals surveilling the facility.
- Individuals testing security measures.
- Exhibiting unfamiliarity with fuel handling and storage regulations.
- Storing fuel in unusual locations or containers.
- Using a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state or temporary license plate to transport fuel.
- Attempting to acquire official vehicles, uniforms, identification, and access cards.
- Discovering unauthorized vehicles or other items that are out of place near fuel storage tanks.

### SUSPICIOUS PURCHASING ACTIVITY

- Using cash for large transactions or a credit card in someone else's name.
- Acting nervous or vague about reason for purchase/use of fuel.
- Requesting delivery without an account.
- Making unusually large purchases of fuel.
- Requesting shipment of fuel to unusual location.
- Making unusual inquiries about acquiring vehicles equipped for hauling fuel.

### BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Require valid ID from all new customers.
- Keep records of purchases.
- Report any missing or stolen fuel, vehicles, or other equipment to law enforcement authorities.
- 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.

To report suspicious activity, please call  
1-877-OHS-INTEL (877-647-4683) or by logging onto  
[HTTP://HOMELANDSECURITY.OHIO.GOV](http://HOMELANDSECURITY.OHIO.GOV).  
In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT JUST BECAUSE A PERSON'S SPEECH, ACTIONS, BELIEFS, APPEARANCE, OR WAY OF LIFE IS **DIFFERENT**; IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT PERSON IS **SUSPICIOUS**.



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Some of the indicators listed above are, by themselves, lawful conduct or behavior and may also constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. In addition, there may be a wholly innocent explanation for conduct or behavior that appears suspicious in nature. For this reason, the totality of behavioral indicators and other relevant circumstances should be evaluated when considering any law enforcement response or action.