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**POTENTIAL
INDICATORS**
of Terrorist Activities related to

Peroxide-Based Explosives

What should I consider suspicious?

What should I do?

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Unknown customer or customer from out of the area.

SUSPICIOUS PURCHASES

- Customer has little or no legitimate working knowledge of the chemical being purchased.
- Individual requesting or purchasing:
 - Information or books about using peroxide to make explosives.
 - Unusual quantities of a chemical, such as more than a gallon of hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂).
 - Hydrogen peroxide in a concentration of 30% or higher.
- Individual seeking to purchase the precursor chemicals for the compound TATP (triacetone triperoxide) in combination or in large quantity.
 - Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂).
 - Sulfuric acid (oil of vitriol, battery acid).
 - Acetone (propanone, dimethyl ketone).
- Individual seeking to purchase the precursor chemicals for the compound HMTD (hexamethylene triperoxide diamine) in combination or in large quantity.
 - Hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂).
 - Hexamine (methenamine, solid fuel tablets).
 - Citric acid (hydrogen citrate, concentrated lemons and limes).

Note: Hydrogen peroxide may be purchased on the Internet or from a pharmacy, food store, home improvement or hardware store, chemical distributor, health store, or beauty supply store.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Know what chemicals are distributed by your business.
- Know what quantities are usual for purchases by customers at your business.
- Know your customers.
 - Require valid ID from all new customers.
 - Ask customers questions about their intended use of the chemical, and listen to and observe their responses.
 - Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles, especially if the customer displays an out-of-state driver's license or is driving a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state license plate.
- Keep records of purchases.
- Report any missing or stolen precursor chemicals 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.