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POTENTIAL INDICATORS
of Terrorist Activities related to

Wholesale Distributors – Beauty/Drug

What should I consider suspicious?

What should I do?

SUSPICIOUS APPEARANCE

- Have burn marks on customer's hands, arms, or face.
- Are missing hand/ fingers, bright colored stains on clothing, strange odors.
- Significantly alters appearance from visit to visit (shaving beard, changing hair color, style of dress, etc.).

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

- Travels illogical distance to store, uses lookout or is picked-up. Nervous/suspicious behavior, evasive or vague about intended use of products.
- Customer does not work at or own a salon.

SUSPICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

- Preoccupation with the concentration levels of hydrogen peroxide or acetone.
- Asks about boiling or making liquid more concentrated.
- Comments involving radical theology, vague or cryptic warnings, anti-U.S. sentiments.

SUSPICIOUS PURCHASE ACTIVITIES.

- Only chemicals and no other beauty supplies purchased.
- Requests for large quantities of hydrogen peroxide (HP) or acetone.
- Numerous smaller purchases of hydrogen peroxide or acetone (consumer-grade HP is 3 – 6%).
- Requests for higher concentrations or information on how to do that themselves.
- Quantity desired inconsistent with use; illogical explanation for supplies.
- Purchase of storage containers (glass jars or plastic buckets), mixing utensils, and/or rubber gloves, in conjunction with hydrogen peroxide or acetone.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

- Require valid ID from all new customers.
- Keep records of purchases.
- Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- 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.