**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 (H$_2$O$_2$).
  - 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 (H$_2$O$_2$).
  - 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 (H$_2$O$_2$).
  - Hexamine (methenamine, solid fuel tablets).
  - Citric acid (hydrogen citrate, concentrated lemons and limes).

**What should I consider suspicious?**

**What should I do?**

- 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.

In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

**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.