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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PROGRAM

"Preparing and Protecting our Community"

CITIZENS CAN HELP RECOGNIZE AND STOP TERRORIST ATTACKS

The City of Sausalito's Disaster Preparedness – Emergency Operations Program wants to remind the public that you play a key role in keeping your neighborhood, city, state, and nation safe from acts of domestic and international terrorism. Your reporting of your observation of suspicious activity can lead to a terrorist attack being averted.

By reporting behavior and activities that are unusual, seem out of the ordinary, make you feel uncomfortable, or do not look right (suspicious behaviors) you and your fellow community members can take a key role in preventing terrorist activities.

What Activities Should I Report?

Here are examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security or building security procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left behind.
- Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Intruders in secure areas where they are not supposed to be.
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- Questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a right or need to know.
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

Why Report These Behaviors and Activities?

It is your awareness reported to police that can help predict and prevent attacks before they happen. Since the attacks of September 11, 2001 occurred, we can and must work together to prevent future attacks.

It is always better to report behaviors and activities that do not seem right. Remember this is about behaviors and activities -- not individuals.

Important Places to Watch

- Government buildings
- Religious facilities
- Amusement parks

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- Sports/entertainment venues
- High-rise buildings
- Mass-gathering locations—parades, fairs, etc.
- Schools
- Hotels
- Theaters
- Shopping malls
- Bridges
- Public transportation

Types of Reports

"There's a chemical smell coming from my neighbor's apartment."

Call the Sausalito Police Department (1-415-289-4170). In an emergency, call 911. Unsure? Let experts decide!

"I saw someone taking measurements. I don't want to get them in trouble. What should I do?"

The activity may be repeated at a number of locations, and you may be reporting one piece of the puzzle.

Call the Sausalito Police Department (1-415-289-4170). In an emergency, call 911. Unsure? Let experts decide!

"Maybe someone just forgot their briefcase on the bus."

Do not check it yourself; it may be a test.

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"I saw someone watching our offices, and the next day my co-worker was asked a lot of questions about our building by someone else."

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Trust Your Instincts

We rely on our senses every day of our lives. If a behavior or activity makes you feel uncomfortable, report it!

Here are some real examples of suspicious activities reported by concerned individuals that saved lives:

If it doesn't LOOK right, report it.

A video store clerk SAW anti-American material on a DVD he was asked to copy. Police captured and arrested individuals planning a bomb attack.

If it doesn't SMELL right, report it.

A grandmother SMELLED bad odors from the neighboring apartment and noticed that the empty apartment was frequented by various people. Police discovered a poison gas factory.

If it doesn't SOUND right, report it.

Residents were concerned with a person's threats of violence. Police captured and arrested a group planning a subway attack.

What Should I Report?

Give as many details as you can. Here is a checklist to help you.

- 1. The time of day.
- 2. Where it happened.
- 3. What you witnessed.
- 4. A description of who was involved:
 - Male or female?
 - How tall?
 - Build?
 - Hair color, skin color, age?
 - Speaking English or another



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- language?
- 5. Was there a car? Provide a license plate number.
- 6. Have you seen this activity in your neighborhood before?

How Do I Report?

There are four ways to make a report:

Call the Sausalito Police Department (415-289-4170) and speak to an officer. A trained officer will take your report.

Contact the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) on-line at https://tips.fbi.gov/ report possible terrorists or terrorist activity.

Call 911 for an emergency.

All information will be kept confidential. Any information submitted will be carefully assessed and, if warranted, investigated by trained investigators. All information gathered and all investigative activity will be subject to strict policies designed to protect the privacy and civil liberties of American citizens while protecting our city and our nation from terrorism.