



Recognizing and Reporting Potential Terrorist Activities



Virginia Fusion Center & the Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

The Virginia Fusion Center, created to improve the Commonwealth's preparedness against terrorist attacks, analyzes and shares homeland security information with federal, state and local partners in the public and private sectors. The Virginia Fusion Center and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services encourage agriculture producers, veterinarians, food processors and food retailers to report information that may help prevent terrorism and identify potential terrorists and criminals.

7 Signs of Terrorism

Certain activities at or near agriculture and food facilities may indicate terrorist planning efforts. Suspicious activities that should be reported to law enforcement, commonly referred to as the 7 signs of terrorism include:

• SURVEILLANCE

May include drawing diagrams, note taking, or vision-enhancing devices to monitor or record facilities and activities.

• ELICITATION

Attempts to obtain information on the people, procedures, or security of a facility.

• TESTS OF SECURITY

Attempts to breach security measures or assess response times.

• ACQUIRING SUPPLIES

Gathering harmful chemicals, infected materials or other supplies for attacks.

• SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

Person(s) who do not appear to belong in a given setting due to unusual behavior.

• DRY / TRIAL RUNS

Preparatory behaviors, such as practice runs or route mapping.

• DEPLOYING ASSETS

Placing people and supplies into place to commit the attack.

Reporting Tips

CALL 911

if immediate police response is needed
and

Notify the Virginia Fusion Center

as soon as possible by phone or online:

804-674-2196

1-877-4VA-TIPS

vfc@vsp.virginia.gov

www.vsp.state.va.us/FusionCenter/index.shtm

Reporting Potential Foreign or Emerging Animal Disease

State Veterinarian's Office

804-692-0601

USDA, APHIS, Vet. Services

804-343-2560

After-Hours, Weekends & Holidays

VA Emergency Operations Center

804-674-2400

Reporting Suspicious Activity

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities may prevent a terrorist attack. When reporting suspicious activity, provide:

- Brief description of the activity
- Physical description of the person(s) and vehicle(s) involved
- Current location or direction of travel of those involved
- Your name and contact information (optional) - anonymous reporting accepted

Virginia Terrorism Hotline 1-877-4VA-TIPS (toll free - 24/7)