

# ★ COMMUNITY OUTREACH ★ ADVISORY

## Bomb-making Laboratory Indicators

Public safety personnel and members of the community should be aware of suspicious items they may encounter during their daily routine that could be indicative of bomb-making activity. Bomb-making and narcotics laboratories often use the same equipment. Additionally, some homemade explosives are visually similar to illegal narcotics.

### Bomb-making indicators:

- Large amounts of precursor chemicals and powders
  - Acetone, peroxide, drain cleaner, black or smokeless powder
- Disassembled bomb-making materials
  - Pipes or other containers, power supplies, switches, improvised initiators, circuit boards
- Plans, recipes, schematics, formulas, extremist literature
  - Inspire Magazine, Anarchist Cookbook
- Heating plates, ice baths, lab equipment
  - Beakers, test tubes, stirring rods, scales
- Unusual fumes, chemical odors and unidentified powders

\* The above list is not all inclusive



### What Can You Do?

- Recognize potential indicators of bomb-making activity
- Do not attempt to handle any suspect materials
- Be aware of the potential for additional devices at the scene
- If you encounter a suspect device or laboratory, cease the use of radios near the vicinity of the hazard, move to a safe distance, establish a perimeter, and contact law enforcement

Receive more bombing prevention guidance. Register and login to the Office for Bombing Prevention's TRIPwire website at [tripwire.dhs.gov](http://tripwire.dhs.gov)

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REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. Call **855-TELL-FBI (855-835-5324)** or call local law enforcement.