Suspicious or Unattended?

Criminals or terrorists sometimes conceal improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in backpacks, suitcases, or common items.

Use this process to safely determine if an item is a serious threat or just unattended.

Is it HOT?

Hidden
- Placed out of sight
- Appears purposely concealed

Obviously suspicious
- Unexplainable wires or electronics
- Bomb-like components

not Typical
- Out of place for the location
- Potentially related to a threat

YES (Suspicious)
- Use **R. A. I. N.** (Continue to other side)

NO (Unattended)
- Treat with caution
- Try to determine the owner
- Report to an authority

If an item is suspicious you should:

R

Recognize the Indicators of a Suspected Explosive Device

Indicators can be related to the characteristics, events, location, or time, including whether the item is Hidden, Obviously suspicious, or not Typical (HOT).

A

Avoid the Area

Don't touch the suspected item. Instead, immediately move and direct others to move away immediately.

I

Isolate the Suspected Item

Establish a perimeter to secure the area and continue to direct people away. Use frontal and overhead cover and if available wear personal protective equipment.

N

Notify Appropriate Emergency Services

Describe the **S**uspicious items and persons, the person's **A**ctions, the **L**ocation of the item, the **T**ime of placement and discovery, and **Y**our actions to mitigate risk (SALTY).

If you **see** something, **say** something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ITEMS. Contact **local law enforcement** or **9-1-1** in case of emergency

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