



# Suspicious or Unattended?

OFFICE FOR BOMBING PREVENTION

**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

**H**

**Hidden**

- Placed out of sight
- Appears purposely concealed

**O**

**Obviously suspicious**

- Unexplainable wires or electronics
- Bomb-like components

**T**

**not Typical**

- Out of place for the location
- Potentially related to a threat

?

Use R.A.I.N.

**YES**  
(Suspicious)

**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

