June Tip: If You See Something, Say Something™

Homeland security is a shared responsibility. When citizens report suspicious activities, it can help prevent violent crimes and terrorist attacks. Here are some tips for what to do if you see something out of the ordinary.

**Tip #1:** Call your local law enforcement. It is helpful to give the most accurate description as possible, such as

- A brief description of the activity
- Date, time, and location of the activity
- Physical identifiers of any people or vehicles you observed
- Where the people involved may have gone

**Tip #2:** Recognize suspicious activities, including

- An unattended backpack
- Someone trying to access a restricted area
- Unusual interest in a facility or its procedures

**Tip #3:** Understand that some factors alone ARE NOT suspicious, such as

- Race
- Ethnicity
- National origin
- Religious affiliation

**Tip #4:** Never put yourself in danger.

- Do not take unnecessary risks.
- Do not attempt to act as an investigator

**Tip #5:** If there is a life-threatening emergency, dial 911.

To view a video from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with examples of the types of activities that could be spotted and reported by citizens, go to [http://www.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something%E2%84%A2-campaign](http://www.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something%E2%84%A2-campaign)

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