



# 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.**  
(Continue to other side)

**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<sup>®</sup>

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

**DEFEND TODAY, SECURE TOMORROW**

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