ProtectUK

Security Culture

Original publication date
22/08/2024

Suspicious activity

Suspicious activity is any behaviour or action that may indicate criminal or terrorism-related activity.

Understanding your environment can help you identify what is normal and recognise activity that appears unusual or out of place. This includes your workplace, regular travel routes, daily routines and the activities you see most often.

If you see suspicious activity

If it is safe to do so, calmly engage with the individual while maintaining a safe distance. Politely ask them to explain what they are doing.

Speaking to someone whose behaviour appears suspicious can help clarify their intentions and may help prevent harm.

If you are concerned by their response, they do not respond, or they leave before you can speak with them, report your concerns.

Report your concerns

If there is an immediate threat, or the person is still present and an urgent police response is needed, call **999**.

You can also report concerns:

- Online using the **ProtectUK Suspicious Activity Reporting Form template**
- By calling the **Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321**

Using the reporting form template can help you record important details that may assist both your organisation and the police.

Build your awareness and reporting skills

The **ACT Awareness e-Learning** course is a free online training package designed to help improve safety and security at your site.

The course includes an introduction to **See, Check and Notify (SCaN)** principles, which can help you:

- Identify suspicious activity
- Understand why behaviour may be of concern
- Know how to respond and report appropriately

Further guidance and support

You can access additional guidance on recognising and reporting suspicious activity through ProtectUK.

If you are concerned that someone you know may be becoming radicalised, the **ACT Early** campaign can provide support and advice. Seeking help at an early stage can help prevent vulnerable individuals from being groomed or exploited by extremists.

KEYWORDS
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
COUNTER TERRORISM
PROTECTIVE SECURITY
SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR