Explosive Precursor Materials Awareness

Readily available, over-the-counter products can contain chemicals that in high concentration or when blended with other chemicals may become hazardous and unstable. Common examples include:

**Precursor Material:**
- Acetone
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Acids (Strong)
- Aluminum Powder
- Ammonium Nitrate
- Chlorine
- Nitromethane
- Potassium Perchlorate
- Urea

**Found In:**
- Solvents, Nail Polish Remover
- Hair Developer, Pool Sanitizer
- Batteries, Cleaning Products
- Aluminum Paint, Exploding Targets
- Fertilizer, Instant Ice Packs, Exploding Targets
- Pool Cleaners
- Fuel, Stabilizer
- Fireworks
- Fertilizer

**Suspicious Activity & Indicators:**
- Suspicious inquiries into the mass-purchase or storage of precursor chemicals or materials.
- Unusual questions concerning the inventory of chemicals used in the business that may be hazardous.
- Lack of knowledge pertaining to the desired products being requested and/or purchased.
- Insistence on paying in cash and keeping the sale private and “off the books.”
- Unusual or repetitious purchases that may be indicative of stockpiling materials.
- Suspicious inquiries into the security around the storage of chemicals or materials at your site.
- Behaving nervously, shifting gaze, or attempting to avoid being recorded by surveillance cameras.

**Report Any Suspicious Activity to**

New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline

1-866-SAFE-NYS (1-866-723-3697)

All calls are toll free and will remain strictly confidential.