

Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activity at Religious Facilities, Community Centers & Camp Groups

Suspicious Activity:

- Unusual inquiries about the congregation from individuals who do not seem to be of the same faith or denomination
- Actions that suggest that an individual, present for a religious service, is unfamiliar with the rite or customs of the service (i.e., kneeling instead of remaining standing during a specified portion of the prayer service or not responding along with the congregation)
- Questioning religious facility employees off-site about practices pertaining to the facility operations
- Individuals found loitering in areas where there is access to the HVAC system or other physical operating systems (i.e., air intake vents; electrical breaker switch boxes)
- Suspicious persons wearing bulky clothing that may conceal explosives or weapons
- Persons discovered with facility maps, photos, or diagrams with critical areas of the religious facility
- Unusual questions or comments about the type of security in place at your establishment

Suspicious Activities:

- Evidence suggesting that the building's HVAC system (i.e., heating, ventilation, air conditioning access rooms or panels) may have been tampered with
- Parking of a suspicious vehicle, in close proximity of the building when normally such vehicles are not parked in that location
- The discovery of an unattended package or suspicious object

Report Any Suspicious Activity to

New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline

1-866-SAFE-NYS

(1-866-723-3697)

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