

## UAS (Drone) Retailer Awareness

Unmanned Aerial Systems “UAS” (often referred to by hobbyists as Drones) have been exploited by means of conducting surveillance, as well as weaponized and outfitted as a delivery vehicle to carry payloads, including explosives, by terrorists and those with nefarious intent.

### Suspicious Behaviors and Indicators:

- Keen interest in maximum payload capacity and range as the main deciding factors at the point of purchase.
- Unusual interest in modifying drone to add additional functionality and to increase load capacity, range, and flight time.
- Interest in operating UAS over large crowds or persons not affiliated with the operator.
- Unusual questions indicating an interest in not registering the UAS in compliance with regulations.
- Questions pertaining to law enforcement capabilities in countering the UAS near mass-gathering events, sensitive facilities, or critical infrastructure.
- Insistence on paying in cash and keeping the sale private and “off the books.”
- Purchase of same components from multiple commercial or private sources.
- Use of UAS during unusual hours or locations, such as near sensitive facilities, important landmarks, government buildings, or critical infrastructure.



## 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.*

or



GET ‘SEE SEND’ APP

