

**Theft or Large Cash Purchases of**

- ▶ Cameras and other surveillance equipment
- ▶ Baby formula
- ▶ Cigarettes
- ▶ Beer/wine/liquor
- ▶ Uniforms (military, police, pilot, delivery, etc.)
- ▶ Weapons
- ▶ Vehicles
- ▶ Identity documents

**Suspicious Rentals of**

- ▶ Storage facilities/warehouses
- ▶ Residences
- ▶ Apartments
- ▶ Hotels/motels
- ▶ Vehicles

**Unusual Discoveries of**

- ▶ Weapons
- ▶ Explosives
- ▶ Communication equipment (emergency band radios, hand-held radios, prepaid cell phones, and prepaid calling cards)
- ▶ Large amount of consumable goods, such as baby formula, cigarettes, or beer/wine/liquor
- ▶ Large amount of medicines, especially over-the-counter
- ▶ Large amount of clothing, especially Levi jeans
- ▶ Identity documents (passports, birth certificates, social security cards, driver licenses—either originals or copies)

**CONCLUSIONS**

It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the time or location of a terrorist attack without adequate information. The only sure way to prevent such attacks is by gathering and acting upon intelligence in a timely matter and by sharing that information with other law enforcement agencies. Our best tool in the war on terrorism is you, **the public**.

If you have suspicions in your community about any of the Pre-Incident Indicators referenced in this brochure, you should obtain as much information as possible, including:

- ▶ Date, time, and location of the incident
- ▶ Physical identifiers of the person or persons
- ▶ Any vehicle descriptions
- ▶ And a description of the suspicious activity

**THEN** call the DPS Texas Security Alert and Analysis Center (TSAAC) at:

(512) 424-7981 (in Austin area)  
1-866-786-5972 (outside Austin area)

You may also submit your information via the Emergency Response Network website at

<https://www.texasalert.tx.gov>

or send an email to:

[tsaac@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:tsaac@txdps.state.tx.us)

You may also mail your information to:

Texas Department of Public Safety  
Special Crimes Service  
Counterterrorism Intelligence Unit  
PO Box 4087  
Austin, TX 78773-0420



The Special Crimes Service has been charged with the primary investigative and intelligence gathering responsibility relating to terrorism in Texas. The service must identify and assess new criminal trends, individuals, and organizations that target the citizens of Texas. Intelligence is the primary tool by which the service can identify, collect, document, analyze, and assess information on these new threats. To fulfill this role, the service has developed the Counterterrorism Intelligence Mission (CTIM) as a formalized intelligence group to act as a focal point for information that can assist in developing and supporting investigations of both international and domestic terrorism.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Authorities have often asked the general public to remain vigilant and alert regarding terrorism, but just as often, the public has responded: "Remain vigilant and alert for what?" This brochure is intended to provide information that will help **YOU** to help **US** in our everyday effort to identify and stop terrorism—before it becomes a deadly and tragic reality.

**WHO ARE THE TERRORISTS?**

Many terrorists are directed by countries or groups outside the United States. However, terrorists can also be US citizens (often called "extremists") who target the government, minorities, or foreign populations within the US. Whoever the terrorists are, and wherever they come from, they share one thing in common: they use unlawful force or violence in order to try to coerce and/or force a government or population to modify its philosophy and direction.

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