

BMAP BOMB-MAKING MATERIALS AWARENESS PROGRAM

Reporting Procedures
for Suspicious Purchasing

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Instructions

Instructions: When reporting suspicious activities to law enforcement, fill out the Suspicious Activity Reporting **card #1**. Use **cards #2-#4** to help recall what you witnessed when filling out **card #1**. A completed form is provided as an example. Proper reporting of suspicious activities at your point-of-sale location is a critical component of BMAP.

Have Questions? Your local BMAP Community Liaison is available to provide additional guidance.

BMAP Community Liaison:

(Name)

(Agency)

(Phone Number)

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or call local law enforcement.



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REPORTING FORM

My name is _____ (First name, Last name). I work at _____ (Business Name), located at _____ (Street Address) in _____ (City, State).

I was trained by a Community Liaison in the Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP). I recently witnessed suspicious activity that could indicate a potential bomb-making threat and wanted to report it.

Here's what I witnessed:

- _____ (Incident Details)
- _____ (Physical Characteristics)
- _____ (Vehicle Information)
- _____ (Suspicious Behavior)
- _____ (Suspicious Purchasing)

See reverse side for a detailed example



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REPORTING FORM

My name is **Susan Symthe**. I work at **Beauty Supply USA**, located at **1000 West 10th St.** in **Hometown, USA**. I was trained by a Community Liaison in the Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP). I recently witnessed suspicious activity that could indicate a potential bomb-making threat and wanted to report it.

Here's what I witnessed:

While at work on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at about 2pm **(Incident Details)**, I saw a 6'2" male customer of medium build with blonde hair and blue eyes acting suspiciously. **(Physical Characteristics)**

He appeared very nervous and looked around frequently while avoiding eye contact. **(Suspicious Behavior)**

He spent 45 minutes looking at hair developer products and nail polish remover. **(Suspicious Purchasing)**

The customer asked many questions about the highest volume of hydrogen peroxide in the developer and the amount of acetone in the nail polish remover. He purchased 25 bottles of hair developer and 25 bottles of nail polish remover using \$100 bills. **(Suspicious Purchasing)**

I noted that he drove a white van with an *Economy Rentals* rental car company decal and license plate number MG6-B555. **(Vehicle Information)**

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REPORTING FORM GUIDELINES

Instructions: Use these guidelines to document physical characteristics, incident details and information about individuals.

Incident Details

- Date and time of incident
- Location and business type
- Conversation details
- Other involved parties

Physical Characteristics

- Name
- Gender
- Height/Weight/Age
- Hair color
- Facial hair (Y/N)
- Physical (build) description
- Clothing description
- Scars, marks, tattoos

Vehicle Information (if known)

- Color
- Model
- Make
- License

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SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIORS

Verbal Behaviors:

The way an individual **communicates**.

- **Argumentative/Defiant**
Verbal disagreement using foul language
Example: Using loud tones, cursing, yelling and screaming
- **Aloof**
Disengaged in conversation
Example: Quick and short nondescript responses when questioned
- **Manipulative/Scheming**
Using persuasive language for emotional exploitation
Example: Evading questions and twisting the intent of your actions

Physical Behaviors:

The way an individual **acts**.

- **Aggressive/Agitated**
Exhibits forceful physical behaviors
Example: Irregular movement such as pacing or hand wringing
- **Nervous**
Exhibits inner turmoil/anxious behaviors
Example: Looking over shoulder frequently
- **Guarded/Antisocial**
Exhibits distant and reserved behavior
Example: Avoiding eye contact and interaction with others

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SUSPICIOUS PURCHASING

Instructions: Use the following descriptions when relaying suspicious purchases and behavior to local law enforcement.

Describe unusual ordering and purchasing patterns

- Purchases abnormally high quantities of a product
- Purchases products out-of-season
- Uses a P.O. box as a shipping address
- Insists on in-store pick-up for bulk purchases
- Makes large cash purchases or insists on using someone else's credit card

Describe unusual product usage

- Displays unusual preoccupation with a certain product's chemical composition
- Asks questions not relevant to lawful or proper use of the product
- Demonstrates a vague knowledge of the proper/legitimate use(s) for the product

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SUSPICIOUS PURCHASING (CONTINUED)

Describe Observed Purchasing Indicators

- Refuses to purchase or accept substitute product or products that perform better or are less expensive
- Avoids sales clerks and video surveillance cameras
- Hesitates when asked for identification
- Shops for an unusual combination of products

Describe Indicator Considerations

- Combination of suspicious indicators
- Context of what seems suspicious
- Gut feelings based on observations

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COMMON CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS

Product	Chemical
Fertilizer (lawn and garden)	Ammonium Nitrate/Urea
Pool Cleaner/Pool Shock	Muriatic Acid/Hydrogen Peroxide
Stump Remover	Potassium Nitrate
Weed Killer	Potassium Chlorate
Nail Polish Remover	Acetone
Hair Developer	Hydrogen Peroxide
Fuel	Nitromethane/Benzene
Fuel Tablets	Hexamine



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COMMON CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS

Product	Chemical
Batteries	Sulfuric Acid
Curing and Bonding Agents	Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)
Gun Powder	Smokeless Powder/Black Powder
Antifreeze	Ethylene Glycol
Instant Cold Pack	Ammonium Nitrate/Urea
Drain Cleaner	Sulfuric Acid
Aluminum Foil/Spray Paint	Aluminum Powder
Sulfur Dust	Sulfur Powder



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