

# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Bulk Fuel Distributors

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

#### Individuals or groups who

- Attempt to gain unauthorized access to fuel storage areas.
- Surveil the facility.
- Test security measures.
- Behave nervously or provide unusually vague answers about the reason for purchasing/using fuel.
- Request delivery without an account.
- Make unusually large fuel purchases.
- Exhibit unfamiliarity with fuel handling and storage regulations.
- Attempt to ship fuel to unusual locations.
- Use a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state or temporary license plate to transport fuel.
- Store fuel in unusual locations or containers.
- Attempt to acquire fuel trucks, uniforms, identification, or facility access cards.

#### Unusual or atypical inquiries regarding

- Security practices.
- Acquiring vehicles equipped for hauling fuel.

#### Other potential indicators

- Presence of unauthorized vehicles or items that are out of place near storage tanks.

*It is important to remember that just because someone's speech, actions, beliefs, appearance, or way of life are different, it does not mean that he or she is suspicious.*



### What Should I Do?

#### Be part of the solution

- ✓ Require valid ID from new customers.
- ✓ Keep records of purchases.
- ✓ Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- ✓ Report any missing or stolen fuel, vehicles, or other equipment to law enforcement authorities.

#### Remember...

- ✓ If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.
- ✓ Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.
- ✓ Focus on behaviors and activities that are unusual or out of place for the situation.
- ✓ Individually, these activities could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate.

Preventing terrorism is a community effort. By learning what to look for, **you** can make a positive contribution in the fight against terrorism. The **partnership between the community and law enforcement** is essential to the success of anti-terrorism efforts.

Some of these activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine whether there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined in this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.