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Retail & Shopping Center Advisory

Are You Aware of

Suspicious Activity?





Shopping centers and retail stores can be venues for criminal or terrorist activities.
Be alert to any persons who behave suspiciously or engage in unusual actions.

Suspicious Behavior by Individuals:

-  Discreetly taking photographs, videos, or notes near entrances, exits, food courts, security, or crowded areas.
-  Asking about layout, structure, or security measures.
-  Leaving areas quickly when approached, or attempting to hide face by turning away (e.g., pretending to read something).
-  Attempting to conceal or leave behind items.
-  Carrying illegal weapons.
-  Wearing clothing inappropriate for weather (e.g., bulky clothing in summer).
-  Attempting to gain access to restricted areas, on foot or in a vehicle.
-  Repeat visits without making purchases.



How Can You Help?

-  Inspect your work area when you begin and finish each Shift.
-  Report, but DO NOT TOUCH, suspicious items or packages.
-  Ensure that security personnel are familiar with the normal types and levels of activity expected in and around your facility.
-  Inspect packages and verify identification of delivery personnel.



Concerned? Report your concerns to your supervisor, security or loss prevention manager, or law enforcement.

Security: _____

Local Police: _____

Local FBI Office: _____

