



# Emergency Services Sector

## *Industry Advisory*

### ***Bomb-making Laboratory Indicators***

Emergency Services personnel should be aware of suspicious items on scene during a response that may be indicative of bomb-making activity. Bomb-making and narcotics laboratories often use the same equipment. Additionally, some homemade explosives are visually similar to illegal narcotics.

#### ***What can you do?***

- ✓ Recognize potential indicators of bomb-making activity
- ✓ Do not attempt to handle any suspect materials
- ✓ Be aware of the potential for additional devices at the scene
- ✓ If you encounter a suspect device or laboratory, cease the use of radios near the vicinity of the hazard, move to a safe distance, establish a perimeter, and contact law enforcement
- ✓ Receive more bombing prevention guidance:
  - Register and log in to DHS Office for Bombing Prevention's TRIPwire website at <https://tripwire.dhs.gov>

#### ***Bomb-making indicators:***

**Large amounts of precursor chemicals:**

- Acetone, peroxide, drain cleaner

**Disassembled electrical components:**

- Wires, circuit boards, batteries

**Plans, recipes, schematics, formulas, extremist literature:**

- Inspire Magazine

**Heating plates, ice baths, lab equipment:**

- Beakers, test tubes, stirring rods

**Unusual fumes, chemical odors and unidentified powders.**

*\* The above list is not all inclusive*



***Be aware! Your efforts make a difference!***

## **Report Suspicious Activity**

**To report suspicious activity, call 9-1-1 or contact local law enforcement**

Suspicious activity reports (SARs) will be forwarded to the appropriate fusion center and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force for further action.

The behavioral activities described as possible indicators of terrorism could be just as indicative of lawful, innocent conduct and, in some instances, may constitute the exercise of rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. For these reasons, the indicators should be considered in the context of other suspicious behavior and the totality of the circumstances in which they are observed or reported.