

Suicide Bomber

RECOGNITION + RESPONSE

RECOGNITION

1. EXTERNAL APPEARANCE

- Clothes unsuitable for place or climate
- Clothes significantly bigger than the person's body
- Person using clothes or behavior to blend in, but clearly does not belong at location
- Obvious disguise

2. SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

- Repeated attempts to steer clear of police or security
- Walking slowly while glancing side-to-side, or running in a suspicious manner
- Nervous, hesitant, profusely sweating, or mumbling
- Keeps one or both hands in pockets at all times

3. SUSPECT EQUIPMENT

- Suitcase, shoulder/handbag, or backpack
- Electrical wires, switches, metal or electronic apparatus protruding from bag or clothing

4. SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

- "Improvised" or mismatched vehicle tags
- Parked for an excessive period in a central location, loading, or no-park zone
- Trunk or rear of vehicle sags noticeably or is leaking fluid



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5. IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY WATCH COMMANDER

6. CONTAIN THE SUSPECT

- Don't allow suspect to move toward crowds of people (in accord with SOP, apply lethal force standards)
- If the situation allows, establish a security perimeter
- If the situation allows, evacuate citizens at risk
- Always secure appropriate cover

7. DEFEND RESPONSE PERSONNEL

- Assist in establishing and clearing command post, triage areas, and entry/exit routes
- Note identity of responding personnel
- Avoid clustering with fellow first responders
- Continue to scan the area for possible bomber support persons
- Be aware/alert for secondary threats

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