

TERRORISM

Terrorism- The use of force or violence against persons or property in violation of the criminal laws of the United States for purposes of intimidation, coercion, or ransom. Terrorists often use threats to:

- Create fear among the public.
- Try to convince citizens that their government is powerless to prevent terrorism.
- Get immediate publicity for their causes

Where Can Terrorism Occur & What Type of Acts are Involved?

Terrorism can occur anywhere. Terrorists typically target those facilities or locations where an attack would produce the most psychological and financial impact, where damage would be greatest, and where their acts would garner the most media attention. Some targets have political significance.

High-risk targets for acts of terrorism include military and civilian government facilities, international airports, large cities, and high-profile landmarks. Terrorists might also target large public gatherings (shopping mall, sporting arena), water and food supplies, public utilities, and corporate centers. Schools and places of worship are other potential targets. Further, terrorists are capable of spreading fear by sending explosives or chemical and biological agents through the mail.

Acts of terrorism can include threats of violence (e.g., bomb threat); assassinations; kidnappings; hijackings; bomb scares and bombings; cyber attacks (computer-based); and the use of chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons.

General Guidelines:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Be alert to unusual or suspicious persons, activities or vehicles.
- Move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right.
- Notify police or security officials if you suspect someone is engaged in illegal acts or planning a terrorist attack.
- Take precautions when traveling:
 - If traveling outside the country, educate yourself about dangerous locales. Check the U.S. State Department for Travel Warnings.
 - Protect your identity and articles of personal identification.
 - Be aware of conspicuous or unusual behavior.
 - Do not accept packages from strangers.
 - Do not leave luggage unattended.
 - Promptly report unusual behavior, suspicious or unattended packages, and strange devices to the police or security personnel.

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- Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent (e.g., airport, shopping center, theatre, government building). Plan how to get out in the event of an emergency.

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