

# Communities Against Terrorism

## Potential Indicators of Terrorist Activities Related to Farm Supply Stores

### What Should I Consider Suspicious?

- New customer who is not from local area.
- Refusing to provide address where fertilizer will be used or delivered.
- Acting nervous or impatient.
- Possessing little knowledge of crops, soil composition, field size, application methods, or fertilizers.
- Purchasing large quantity of pesticides, combustibles, or fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate out of season or with cash.
- Appearing to be interested only in ammonium nitrate (34-0-0 or 32-2-0); displaying no interest in alternative fertilizers or fertilizer combinations.
- Seeking chemicals with weight in excess of fertilizer distributor capacity.
- Making suspicious inquiries regarding equipment (e.g., tank size, spray range).
- Asking about acquiring vehicles equipped for spraying or hauling (e.g., crop dusters, crop sprayers, fuel tankers).
- Failing to state legitimate use for product.
- Storing agricultural supplies in unusual containers.
- Using a rental vehicle or a vehicle with an out-of-state or temporary license plate to transport items such as fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate (particularly 34-0-0) or other combustible materials in large proportions.
- Using cash for large transactions or a credit card in someone else's name.

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

### What Should I Do?

#### **Be part of the solution.**

- ✓ Require valid ID from all new customers.
- ✓ Keep records of purchases.
- ✓ Talk to customers, ask questions, and listen to and observe their responses.
- ✓ Watch for people and actions that are out of place.
- ✓ Make note of suspicious statements, people, and/or vehicles.
- ✓ **If something seems wrong, notify law enforcement authorities.**

#### **Do not jeopardize your safety or the safety of others.**

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 the 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 on this handout are by no means all-inclusive but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.