

# if you SEE something SAY something™

is an initiative aimed at encouraging students and staff to be the eyes and ears for a safer school. A safe school requires the joint effort of all community members. The more observant and involved students, staff, and citizens are in their daily lives, the less likely crime will occur undetected. If we are all watching for and reporting suspicious activity, we reduce the areas where criminals feel safe committing their crimes. LCPS partners with **If You See Something, Say Something™** to create a school community where everyone feels safe.



At school



On the bus or  
at the bus stop

Loudoun County Public Schools joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's **If You See Something, Say Something™** campaign to strengthen awareness of suspicious activity. Keeping America's schools safe from harm is everyone's responsibility. LCPS is enlisting the support of all who visit Loudoun County to join in the national campaign to keep schools safe through active reporting of suspicious behavior or activities.

Our partners include:

- Virginia State Police
- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
- Leesburg Police Department
- Purcellville Police Department
- Middleburg Police Department
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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## SEEM SUSPICIOUS?

Report Suspicious Activity  
to School Staff and Law  
Enforcement Immediately.

Call **703-777-1021** or  
**877-4VA-TIPS** (877-482-8477)

## POTENTIAL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

### Suspicious Activity

Any observed behavior that could indicate terrorism or other criminal activity.

### Unusual Items or Situations

Vehicle in an odd location, unattended luggage/package, open door/window normally closed and locked, or other out of the ordinary situations.

### Eliciting Information

Questioning individuals at a level beyond mere curiosity about particular facets of a facility's or building's purpose, operations, security procedures, security personnel, shift changes, or facility procedures, etc.

### Observation/Surveillance

Unusual attention to facilities or buildings beyond a casual or professional interest. Extended loitering without explanation, particularly in concealed locations with optimal visibility of potential targets. Unusual, repeated, and/or prolonged observation of buildings (for example, with binoculars or video cameras), taking notes and/or measurements, counting paces or sketching floor plans. Some of these activities, taken individually, could be innocent and must be examined by law enforcement professionals in a larger context to determine where there is a basis to investigate. The activities outlined above are by no means all-inclusive, but have been compiled from a review of terrorist events over several years.

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## PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

**Always operating within legal boundaries, Loudoun County holds personal liberties in the highest esteem.**

The **If You See Something, Say Something™** campaign respects civil rights or civil liberties by emphasizing behavior, rather than appearance, in identifying suspicious activity. Factors such as race, ethnicity, national origin, or religious affiliation alone are not suspicious. For that reason, the public should report only suspicious behavior and situations (e.g. an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area) rather than beliefs, thoughts, ideas, expression, associations, or speech unrelated to terrorism or other criminal activity.

Only reports that document behavior reasonably indicative of criminal activity related to terrorism will be shared with federal partners.

## WHO TO NOTIFY AND WHAT TO REPORT

Report suspicious behavior to:

- Person in authority
- Trusted adult
- School staff member: teacher, counselor, secretary, custodian, cafeteria worker, bus driver

Describe what you saw:

- **WHAT** did you observe? Be specific.
- **WHO** did you see?
- **WHEN** did you see it?
- **WHERE** did you see this occur?
- **WHY** is it suspicious?

The safety of our schools is everyone's responsibility. So if you **SEE** something, **SAY** something.

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