

## YOUR ROLE AS FARM PROTECTOR

As farm workers, we are reaching out to you to create a better awareness of potential terrorist indicators and suspicious activities. Farm employees are among those who are most likely to discover initial harm within the food system. This outreach promotes the recognition and reporting of potential terrorist activities to your farm supervisor, local law enforcement, or to the New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline at 1-866-723-3697 (1-866-SAFE-NYS).

There is a concern that individuals seeking to commit acts of terrorism may utilize community organizations and businesses, including farms, to acquire certain materials, skills, or training in order to succeed with their intentions. By posing as farm workers, terrorists could gain access to the food supply. Our food supply may be attacked at any point in its journey, starting at the farm, and ending at the table in a restaurant or home. Only a small portion of the food supply would need to be affected to result in mass illness, and significant economic and psychological damage. Many different plant and animal bacteria, viruses, and harmful organisms exist that can negatively impact our food.



Early recognition and reporting of potential terrorist activity can serve as the first line of defense against those who intend to harm the citizens of New York State or its assets. Instances of suspicious conduct observed by members of the community may not be criminal per se, but may be peculiar and unusual because it does not match the usual pattern of daily activity found within the community. The intent is not to question or infringe upon people's daily routines and way of life, or to distrust members of the community; but rather to provide a resource to recognize and report those things that may not necessarily fall into the norm.

Any signs of suspicious activity may be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline at 1-866-723-3697 (1-866-SAFE-NYS).



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SAY SOMETHING!”**

**Report Any Suspicious Activity to the  
New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline at**

**1-866-SAFE-NYS**

**1-866-723-3697**

*ACROSS NEW YORK STATE*

**1-888-NYC-SAFE**

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**1-866-SAFE-NYS**

**AGRICULTURE**



**Know the Routines.** Be alert as you go about your daily business. This will help you to learn the normal routines of your neighborhood, community and workplace. Understanding these routines will help you spot anything out of place.

**Be aware of what is going on around you.** Whether traveling, at work or at home, be on the lookout for suspicious activities. Learn to spot suspicious mail, packages, luggage abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school, or a shopping center.

**Take what you hear seriously.** If you hear or know of someone who has bragged or talked about plans to harm citizens in violent attacks or who claims membership in a terrorist organization, take them seriously and report it to law enforcement immediately.

**If You See Something, Say Something!** Report any suspicious activity to the New York State Terrorism Tips Hotline at **1-866-SAFE-NYS** (1-866-723-3697). All calls are toll free and will remain strictly confidential. To report emergencies or crime in progress, dial 911.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO GATHER

- ▶ Exact location and description of suspicious activity.
- ▶ Was there a weapon involved such as a gun or knife?
- ▶ Was there a vehicle involved? If so, provide the most accurate description possible including the color, make model and style. The license plate number and the direction the vehicle was traveling is also important.
- ▶ Description of the person(s) involved, including race, approximate age, height and weight, and any other information that may be used to help identify them, such as clothing or markings such as tattoos.
- ▶ Any other information you were able to gather.



### THINGS THAT WORKERS SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR

- ▶ Persons asking specific questions about a facility or farm's processes.
- ▶ Unauthorized photography of processes in or around facilities or farms.
- ▶ Unauthorized persons possessing chemicals, biological agents, vaccines, or medication.
- ▶ Manuals, documents, or websites relating to chemicals or biological agents.
- ▶ Persons who attempt to rent or borrow agriculture-related equipment for no logical reason or purpose.
- ▶ Thefts of anhydrous ammonia or other chemicals.
- ▶ Thefts of livestock, crops, chemicals and fertilizers, or farm equipment such as spraying devices.



### REPORT SUSPICIOUS SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS IN ANIMALS

\* Those signs specially noted should be reported to DAI at (518) 457-3502.

- Unusual symptoms or behavior, or sudden unexplained death.
- \* Severe illness or death in large numbers of animals.
- Unusual ticks or maggots.
- Blisters or ruptured blisters around mouth, nose, teats, or hooves.
- \* Central nervous system disorders that prevent the animal from rising or walking normally.
- Loss of appetite or other eating disorder.
- Swelling around eyes and neck in poultry, drop in egg production, or hens producing thin-shelled eggs.
- Drop in milk production in dairy cows.
- Large numbers of dead insects, rodents, or wildlife.
- \* Vascular disease or Hemorrhagic disease in ruminants or horses.
- \* The same disease symptoms appearing to affect animals in multiple locations.
- \* A disease that presents with new symptoms not previously recognized in that species of animal; or a disease occurring out of season.



### EXAMPLES OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE TARGETS

- Livestock
- Crops
- Water supplies
- Food and agriculture transportation systems
- Farm workers
- Livestock producers
- Food processors



### KNOW THE SEVEN SIGNS OF TERRORISM

- 1) **Surveillance:** Recording or monitoring farming activities, taking pictures, making drawings.
- 2) **Elicitation:** Attempts to gain information about farm operations, staffing, and security.
- 3) **Tests of Security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to entering restricted areas such as barns or other land.
- 4) **Acquiring Supplies:** Obtaining farm equipment, medications, chemicals, uniforms, forms of identification, etc.
- 5) **Suspicious Persons Out of Place:** This may include people who are in places they should not be, as well as people who do not fit in to the daily routine of the farm workplace.
- 6) **Dry or Trial Run:** Putting people into position and moving them around without actually committing a terrorist or criminal act.
- 7) **Deploying Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

#### KNOW THE ROUTINES

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