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DC Residents Encouraged to Report Suspicious Activity During Holidays

The National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium is unaware of any credible threats to District holiday events through the end of 2018; however, residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity and take proactive steps to ensure personal safety. District public safety agencies continue to coordinate with regional and federal partners to ensure residents’ and visitors’ safety during the holiday season.

- Report suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department by calling: 911; 202-727-9099; or filing a report with iwatchdc.dc.gov.
- Visit ready.dc.gov to build a personal plan in the event of a disaster or emergency.
- Stay informed by signing up for emergency alert and warning notifications via email, text, or voice. Visit alertdc.dc.gov and click “Sign Up for Alerts.”

Signs of Suspicious Activity

- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack, or package left unattended.
- Cars or trucks left in No Parking zones, especially in front of important buildings.
- People requesting sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans, or VIP travel schedules without a need to know.
- People taking photographs or videos of security features, such as security cameras or security check points.

For a comprehensive list of suspicious activity indicators and behaviors click [here](#).

Recent attacks on public venues and large mass gatherings underscore the need for the public to maintain situational awareness and report suspicious activity when visiting popular venues or attending large-scale public events.

- On December 11, a 29-year-old gunman killed three and injured more than a dozen in a suspected terrorist attack near a Christmas market in Strasbourg, France. As of 10am this morning, the suspect remains at large. According to media reports, the suspect was known to French authorities, having previously been flagged as a possible extremist on a French terrorist watch list. The suspect, who had criminal convictions in France and Germany, is believed to have become radicalized in prison. The motive behind the attack is unknown, although the marketplace was previously the target of an Al-Qa’ida-linked plot in 2000. The terror investigation is ongoing.
- In 2016, Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel conducted a vehicle ramming in Nice, France—deliberately driving into a crowd engaged in Bastille Day celebrations—killing more than 80 and injuring more than 400 people.



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