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SUSPICIOUS PURCHASE AWARENESS

Law Enforcement needs your assistance to keep your community safe. Some commercial products can be used for unlawful purposes. Knowing what suspicious behaviors to look for can help employees identify these situations and report them to law enforcement. Please note that the products and materials described below may not indicate suspicious behavior on their own. It is more often the combination of more than one factor that can suggest suspicious activities.







SIGNS TO BE AWARE OF WHEN A CUSTOMER IS SHOPPING OR MAKING A PURCHASE



TYPES OF PRODUCTS

- ♦ Pipe materials with a 1 to 2-inch diameter made of metal or strong plastic.
- Pipe shapes may be angled, elbow, or straight.
- Pipe lengths are purchased in multiple short segments or in long lengths with numerous endcaps.
- ♦ Numerous threaded endcaps purchased with only pipe elbows.
- Cylinders and tanks containing fuel (such as gas or propane) that are purchased in unexplainably large quantities.





SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIORS

- Nervousness, examining surroundings often.
- Lack of knowledge or evasive responses when questioned regarding the intended use of the product.
- Making numerous small-quantity purchases of the same product.
- Insistence on paying for purchases in cash or with someone else's credit card.



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YOUR ASSISTANCE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Be familiar with the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. If you believe a customer is attempting to purchase materials in one or more of these suspicious manners, report the activity to (800) 223-1661.

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