

85 Things That Might Get You on a DHS Terrorist Watch List

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Because the Department of Homeland Security has asked parts of the public to report suspicious activity through the “[Communities Against Terrorism](#)” program , if you visit an airport, stay in a hotel, drink coffee at an Internet café, or in some other way interact with one of the Halloween G-men in the American public, a full-fledged FBI investigation is only one phone call away, [says LaTi](#).

LaTi lists 85 things that might get you on a watch list, if a Halloween G-man spots you in the act:

- 1) Use Google Maps to find your way around a strange city.
- 2) Use Google Maps to view photos of sports stadiums.
- 3) Install online privacy protection software on your personal computer.
- 4) Attempt to shield your computer screen from the view of others.
- 5) Shave your beard, dye your hair or alter your mode of dress.
- 6) Sweat.
- 7) Avoid eye contact.
- 8) Use a cell-phone camera in an airport, train station or shopping mall.
- 9) Seek to work alone or without supervision.
- 10) Appear to be out of place.
- 11) Have bright colored stains on your clothing.
- 12) Be missing any fingers.
- 13) Emit strange odors.
- 14) Travel an “illogical distance” to do your shopping.
- 15) Have someone pick you up from a beauty supply store.
- 33) Act impatient.

- 16) Be nervous.
- 17) Be a new customer from out of town.
- 18) Use a credit card in someone else's name.
- 19) Chant environmental slogans near construction sites.
- 20) Enter a construction site after work hours.
- 21) Rent watercraft for an extended period.
- 22) Make comments involving radical theology.
- 23) Make vague or cryptic warnings.
- 24) Express anti-U.S. sentiments.
- 25) Purchase a quantity of prepaid or disposable cell phones.
- 26) Leave store without preprogramming disposable phones.
- 27) Be overly interested in satellite phones and voice privacy.
- 28) Ask questions about swapping SIM cards in cell phones.
- 29) Ask questions about how phone location can be tracked.
- 30) Rewire cell phone's ringer or backlight.
- 31) Express out-of-place and provocative religious or political sentiments.
- 32) Purchase a police scanner, infrared device or 2-way radio.
- 33) Act impatient.
- 34) Drive a vehicle that appears to be overloaded.
- 35) Depart quickly when seen or approached.
- 36) Be a person "acting suspiciously."
- 37) Make illegible notes on a map.
- 38) Take photos of the Statue of Liberty or other "symbolic targets."
- 39) Overdress for the weather.
- 40) Ask questions in a hobby shop about remote controlled aircraft.
- 41) Demonstrate interest that does not seem genuine.
- 42) Request specific room assignments or locations at a hotel or motel.

- 43) Arrive at a lodging with unusual amounts of luggage.
- 52) Make notes that are illegible to passersby.
- 44) Refuse cleaning service.
- 45) Avoid the lobby of a hotel or motel.
- 46) Remain in your hotel or motel room.
- 47) Leave your hotel for several days, then return.
- 48) Leave behind clothing and toiletry items.
- 49) Park your vehicle in an isolated area.
- 50) Be observed switching a cell phone SIM card.
- 51) Be observed using multiple cell phones.
- 52) Make notes that are illegible to passersby.
- 53) Communicate through a PC game.
- 54) Download "extreme/radical" content.
- 55) Exhibit preoccupation with press coverage of terrorist attacks.
- 56) Wear a backpack when the weather is warm.
- 57) Speak to mall maintenance personnel or security guards.
- 58) Make racist comments.
- 59) Mumble to yourself.
- 60) Pass along any anonymous threats you may receive.
- 61) Discreetly take a photo in a mass transit site.
- 62) Arrive with a group of people and split off from them.
- 63) Demand "identity privacy."
- 64) Appear to endorse the use of violence in support of a cause.
- 65) Make bulk purchases of meals ready to eat.
- 66) Arrive in America from a land where militant Islamic groups operate.
- 67) Take a long absence for religious education or charity work.
- 68) Travel to countries where militant Islam rules.

- 69) Study technical subjects that would aid a terror operation.
- 70) Work in a field that “serves as a cover for preparing for an operation.”
- 71) Exhibit ire at global policies of the U.S.
- 72) Balk at providing “complete personal information.”
- 73) Provide multiple names on rental car paperwork.
- 74) Receive an unusual number of package deliveries.
- 75) Replace rental property locks without permission.
- 76) Modify your property to conceal storage areas.
- 77) Fail to pay rent for a storage unit in a timely manner.
- 78) Inquire about security systems at your storage facility.
- 79) Place unusual items in storage units or dumpsters.
- 80) Avoid contact with rental facility personnel.
- 81) Access storage facilities an unusual number of times.
- 82) Request deliveries of items directly to a storage unit.
- 83) Be part of a group requesting identical tattoos.
- 84) Request tattoos that could conceal extremist symbols.
- 85) Fly while appearing to be Muslim on September 11 of any year.

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