

PREVENTION Tip

- Physical Appearance of Suicide Bombers
 - Most likely age bracket 18-25; leaders are typically somewhat older
 - Use of females for suicide attacks within the United States is unlikely at this time, but possible in the near future
 - A male may be disguised as a female, especially a pregnant female
 - Clothing appears baggy, loose, or oversized
 - Clothing is too warm or heavy for the climate, weather, or temperature
 - Use of stolen or counterfeited uniforms
 - Clothing may be mismatched or “overdone” for the occasion
 - Suicide bomber carries an object or container that does not match the situation
 - Bulky torso or waistline
 - Stiff, clumsy, awkward movements and gait
 - Lack of upper body flexibility
 - Repetitive hand gestures
 - Hands concealed in pockets
 - Holding or clutching an electronic device
 - Carrying luggage or object that appears overly heavy for its size and appearance
 - Fidgeting with something concealed in a box, piece of luggage, or similar container
 - Appears hypnotized or in trance
 - Blank stare or nervous eye movements
 - Sweaty, pale, or ashen facial color
 - Outline of recently shaved beard
 - Closely cropped hair
 - Unresponsive to orders
 - General appearance is gaunt or ill
 - Appears alone where people typically go in pairs or groups
 - Murmuring prayers or shouting religious phrases
 - Places a bandana on his head
 - Pulling hands close in to the body or throwing arms out in the air
- Officers' Approach of the Scene
 - Obtain information on physical description and location of the suicide bomber from dispatch
 - Obtain detailed information
 - Do not use patrol car sirens during the approach of the scene