



SKY DIVING, HANG GLIDING, PARA GLIDING

BusinessSafe is based on the idea that certain businesses and industries may be exploited by terrorists who portray themselves as honest customers seeking to purchase, lease or somehow appropriate certain materials, licenses and/or services to covertly further a terrorist plot.

The following are general indicators of potential terrorist planning or activities. Alone, each indicator can result from legitimate recreational or commercial activities or criminal activity not related to terrorism; however, multiple indicators combined with other information may possibly suggest a terrorist threat.

- Physical surveillance, which may include note taking or the use of binoculars, cameras or maps near key facilities.
- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding key facilities or personnel through personal contact or by telephone, mail or e-mail.
- Attempts to penetrate or test physical security and response procedures at key facilities.
- Attempts to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, flight manuals or other materials which could be used in a terrorist attack.
- Suspicious or improper attempts to acquire official vehicles, uniforms, badges, access cards or identification for key facilities.
- Presence of individuals who do not appear to belong in the workplace, business establishment or near a key facility.
- Behavior which appears to denote planning for terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios, monitoring key facilities and timing traffic flow or signals.
- Stockpiling suspicious materials or abandoning potential containers for explosives (e.g., vehicles or suitcases).

The following examples of activity relating to Sky Diving, Hang Gliding and Para Gliding, though not fully inclusive, may be of **possible** concern to law enforcement:

- Application to your school by a student who submits identification documents of questionable authenticity such as a home address represented as a P.O.B, no telephone number, misspellings on "official documents" (birth certificate, immunization records), different names on driver's license and/or passports, etc. and any perceived attempt to obscure true identity.
- An unexplained withdrawal by a student just before official completion of a training or certification program requisite to skydiving or hang glider operation.
- An unusual disinterest displayed by a student during the explanation of safety procedures (i.e., emergency scenarios and techniques).

- A request to purchase parachute equipment or gear by someone who does not appear knowledgeable or skilled in skydiving.
- Unusual interest or excessive questions about the nature of the drop zone or its proximity to sensitive locations.
- Unusual questions about how much additional weight can be carried during hang gliding or paragliding flights.
- Strange behavior evinced by an individual toward fellow students (i.e., remaining isolated from the group; not actively participating in training discussions or lending encouragement to peers; maintaining a distinct business-like comportment instead of that of a sport enthusiast, etc.).
- Information that suggests that an individual received paramilitary training overseas.

Your impressions and assessment based upon your professional business experience are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern, or set of circumstances is unusual.

Please remember that the conduct of an individual will not necessarily be criminal in nature. Suspicious incidents should be reported immediately to your local law enforcement agency, Crime Stoppers, or your regional FDLE office. You may also email a tip regarding a suspicious incident utilizing the link on the [BusinessSafe homepage](#).

For all emergencies, call “911.”