

How to report suspects and suspicious activity:

If a crime is in progress...

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY!

If you have information about a crime, or to report suspicious activity...



Federal Bureau of Investigation
217-522-9675

Information needed:

- Your location
- What activity is occurring
- If a weapon is involved
- Location of activity
- Description and license plates of any vehicles involved – make, model, color, and the direction of travel
- Descriptions of persons – race, age, height, weight
- Your contact information

Why should one report?

Information is entered into databases that are linked to like systems nationwide. When local, state, and federal law enforcement officers query these databases, they receive information that can save lives and prevent criminal and terrorist activities

Another Key Contact

Illinois Department of Agriculture
217-782-4944

The Illinois Agro-Security Working Group is a partnership between front-line agricultural industry personnel and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing criminal and terrorist activities in and around Illinois agriculture and food systems.

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ILLINOIS Agro-Security Working Group



Agro-Security

Agro-terrorism:

The deliberate introduction, use, or threatened use, of a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive agent against one or more components of the food or agriculture sectors, with the goal of causing mortality and morbidity, generating fear, precipitating economic loss, or undermining sector stability and confidence in government.

Indicators of Agro-Terrorism

- Suspicious persons asking specific questions about a facility or process
- Unauthorized photography of processes in or around facilities or farms
- Possession of chemicals, biological agents, vaccines, or medication with no apparent purpose
- Manuals, communications, or websites pertaining to chemicals or biological agents
- Attempts to rent or borrow ag-related equipment for no logical reason or purpose
- Thefts of anhydrous ammonia or other fertilizer products
- Thefts of livestock

Agriculture Retail Facilities

Report any attempted purchase of pesticides by those not authorized or those without need. Report ALL security breaches if applicable. Report any suspicious activity around anhydrous ammonia storage facilities, as well as any suspicious attempts to purchase fertilizer, such as ammonium nitrate, or agricultural use pesticides by unfamiliar or suspicious persons.

Transportation

Report any activity around facilities that you deem suspicious or “out of place.” Report unusual activity around transportation vehicles that are unattended at truck stops, rest areas, etc.

Producers/Auction Markets

Report suspicious behavior around farms or ranch operations. Thefts of nurse tanks containing agricultural use pesticides or hazardous materials should be reported immediately.

Aerial Applicators

Report any tampering or attempts to purchase or rent aircraft or chemicals.

Reporting suspicious signs and symptoms of illnesses in employees:

Report suspicious illnesses among employees to your local health department. Health officials should be made aware of the emergency, normal duties, and any contact with sick animals that may have led to the illness. Details of contact with feed products, medical supplies, or chemicals that the employee may have had contact with should be noted.

Report suspicious signs and symptoms in animals to your veterinarian:

- Unusual symptoms or behavior
- Sudden unexplained death or loss
- Severe illness in large numbers of animals

Suspicious signs and illnesses in animals:

- Blisters or ruptured blisters around the mouth, nose, teats, or hooves
- Central nervous system disorders that prevent the animal from rising or walking normally
- Loss of appetite and conditioning
- Swelling around the eyes and neck in poultry
- Dramatic drop in egg or milk production
- Large numbers of dead insects, rodents, or wildlife
- Unusual ticks or maggots

CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN!