

# SURVEILLANCE INDICATORS



## **Surveillance Indicators**

Surveillance may be fixed or mobile.

**Fixed surveillance** is done from a static, often concealed position, possibly an adjacent building, business or other facility. In fixed surveillance scenarios, persons may establish themselves in a public location over an extended period of time or choose disguises or occupations such as street vendors, tourists, repair or deliverymen, photographers or even demonstrators to provide a plausible reason for being in the area.

**Mobile surveillance** usually entails observing and following persons or individual human targets, although it can be conducted against non-mobile facilities (e.g. driving by a site to observe the facility or site operations). To enhance mobile surveillance many persons have become more adept at progressive surveillance.

**Progressive surveillance** is a technique whereby the person observes a target for a short time from one position, withdraws for a time (possibly days or even weeks), then resumes surveillance from another position. This activity continues until the person determines target suitability and/or noticeable patterns in the operation's or target's movements. This type of transient presence makes the surveillance much more difficult to detect or predict.

More sophisticated surveillance is likely to be accomplished over a long period of time. This type of surveillance tends to evade detection and improve the quality of information. Some

persons perform surveillance of a target or target area over a period of months or even years. Public parks and other public gathering areas provide convenient venues for surveillance because it is not unusual for individuals or small groups in these areas to loiter or engage in leisure activities that could serve to cover surveillance activities.

Indicators of potential surveillance include:

- Persons using or carrying video or still cameras or other observation equipment in the area
- Persons attempting to gain photos or diagrams of your facility
- Persons parking, standing, or loitering in the same area over a multiple day period with no apparent reason
- Employees being questioned off site about practices and procedures
- Persons observing deliveries

