



# COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING

## ACT for YOUTH: Action Counters Terrorism

### Helpful Advice

This quick-check leaflet is here to help you remember the key messages from the *Story of Nur, Edih and Llet*:

- How to identify and report suspicious behaviour
- How to identify and report a suspicious item
- What to do in a gun or knife terror attack

For further information visit: [gov.uk/nactso](https://www.gov.uk/nactso)

### IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

**Suspicious behaviour means any action that makes someone feel worried or anxious**

**Remember to focus on a person's behaviour, not their appearance**

Suspicious behaviour might include:

- Hanging around in an area the public are not allowed to enter
- Paying too much attention to things like: entrances, exits, CCTV or security staff, or taking photos of these
- Trying to hide their face or identity
- Asking unusual questions, for example about security arrangements in a public place
- Deliberately trying to avoid security staff
- What the person is doing doesn't seem right for the place they're in
- Trust your instincts, if you see anything suspicious, take action!



### REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

When reporting suspicious behaviour, either find a responsible adult, call 999 and ask for police, or use the online reporting tool:

<https://www.met.police.uk/tell-us-about/possible-terrorist-activity/>

Reporting might include:

- Who did you see, what did they look like, what were they wearing?
- What have you seen, what has happened, what was it that made you suspicious?
- Where did the situation happen and where were you?
- When did it happen – what time?

Don't be afraid and don't worry about over-reacting. Your actions could help avert an attack and save lives.



## IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

**A suspicious item is any object that makes a person feel worried or anxious.**

Some features of suspicious items might be:

### **Hidden:**

- Has the item been hidden?
- Has any attempt been made to hide the item from view or place it where it probably wouldn't be found accidentally?
- Innocent items are not usually hidden deliberately!

### **Obvious:**

- Is the item obviously suspicious?
- Can wiring or batteries be seen?
- Is it taped or does it contain liquids or powders?
- Has it been found after seeing someone behave suspiciously?

### **Typical:**

- Is the item typical of what you might reasonably expect to find in that place?



## RESPONDING TO SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

**If you see anything that you think is suspicious, report it right away.**

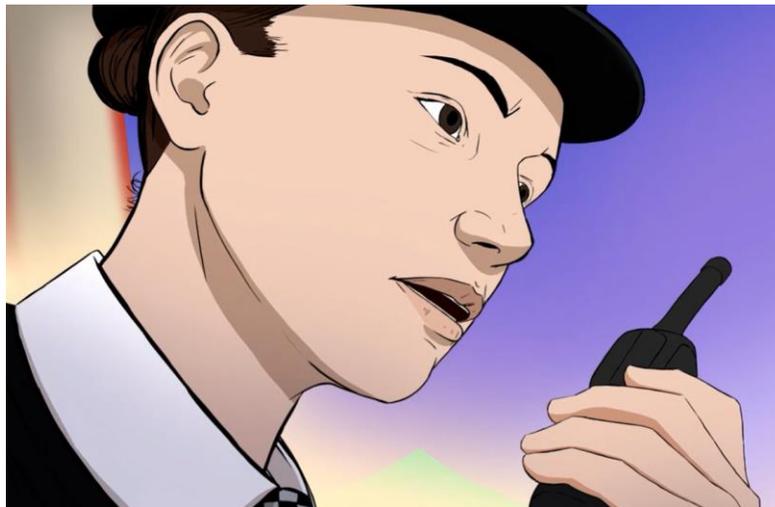
Different ways to report a suspicious item:

- Speak to a responsible adult or security staff
- Move to a safe distance and call the police on 999
- Use the online reporting tool

<https://met.police.uk/tell-us-about/possible-terrorist-activity/>

### **DO NOT:**

- Ignore the suspicious item
- Move closer to look at it or pick it up
- Try to take charge of the situation yourself



## WHAT TO DO IN A GUN OR KNIFE TERROR ATTACK



## **RUN**

- If you are caught up in a gun or knife attack, RUN to safety
- Don't waste time taking photos or videos
- Tell others to go with you
- Don't let anyone or anything slow you down
- Just RUN to safety, this is your best option



## **HIDE**

- If you can't run, HIDE
- Lock yourself in a room, with solid walls if possible
- Keep away from windows and doors
- Be very quiet, silence your phone
- Stay hidden until you are rescued, this may take some time



## **TELL**

- Only when you are safe, phone 999 and ask for the police
- Tell them what has happened, who you are and where you are
- Answer all their questions as best you can