



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Re: If You See Something, Say Something™ Resources

Good morning:

As we head into the busy summer season, we wanted to send along a reminder regarding an important OEMC initiative in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS): **If You See Something, Say Something™**. As we have done in the past, we ask everyone to continually remain mindful of their safety and aware of their surroundings. We also ask for your help in getting this important message out to your staff, residents, constituents, businesses and other organizations.

If You See Something, Say Something™ is a national anti-terrorism public awareness campaign that emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement. We want to remind everyone to be aware of their surroundings in large gatherings, special events, at work, schools, places of worship, critical facilities and online, and to report suspicious activity. If you notice something suspicious, please call 9-1-1.

Many of your constituent businesses and organizations employ a contingency of field staff. We encourage you to share this message with your teams in the field. They are our eyes and ears on the ground in the communities every day and we encourage everyone to be alert and aware of the possible indicators of potential threats as they carry out their normal duties. Employees should be encouraged to report anything suspicious through their chain of command and call 9-1-1 for any immediate, obvious threat. We encourage you to share this important message to not only your public partners and customers, but also to staff and places around your facilities - such as digital monitors in elevators, posters in maintenance and storage, utility areas, etc.

The OEMC has put together a social media toolkit that you can use to create your own posts amplifying the See Something, Say Something message, linked [here](#). You can also amplify or reshare messaging that OEMC regularly posts to our social media pages.

DHS has also developed training videos and suspicious activity indicators to assist with recognizing the kinds of suspicious behaviors that may be related to terrorism activities; understanding how and where to report this information; and protecting privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties when reporting information. We invite you and your staff to visit and review these free online training videos and informational resources featured at the following links:

- [If You See Something, Say Something® Public Awareness Video | Homeland Security](#)
- [NTER Public Awareness & Training | Homeland Security](#)

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. I look forward to working with you continuously throughout the summer and beyond.

Sincerely,

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