

## **Idaho Office of Emergency Management**

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### **See Something Say Something**

Citizens encouraged to be smart and aware about surroundings

**BOISE** –The Idaho Office of Emergency Management in partnership with the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center and the Idaho State Police is encouraging all Idahoans to be mindful of their surroundings as we go into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday weekend.

"Idaho is our state and as law enforcement and as citizens, it is our responsibility to protect it," said Idaho State Police Sgt. David Neth, Deputy Director of the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center.

"See Something Say Something" is an ongoing effort led by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that encourages people to pay attention to our surroundings and report suspicious activity to law enforcement. The See Something campaign respects citizens' privacy, civil right, and civil liberties by emphasizing behavior, rather than appearance, in identifying suspicious activity.

Suspicious activity can include:

- **Unusual items or situations:** A vehicle is parked in an odd location, a package/luggage is unattended, a window/door is open that is usually closed, or other out-of-the-ordinary situations occur.
- **Eliciting information:** A person questions individuals at a level beyond curiosity about a building's purpose, operations, security procedures and/or personnel, shift changes, etc.
- **Observation/surveillance:** Someone pays unusual attention to facilities or buildings beyond a casual or professional interest. This includes extended loitering without explanation (particularly in concealed locations); unusual, repeated, and/or prolonged observation of a building (e.g., with binoculars or video camera); taking notes or measurements; counting paces; sketching floor plans, etc.

**To report suspicious activity in Idaho call 800-223-1661**

**Be prepared to describe specifically what you observed including:**

**Who or what you saw;**

**When you saw it;**

**Where it occurred; and**

**Why it's suspicious.**

**If there is an emergency call 9-1-1.**

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