Holiday Awareness Field Card

Shoppers, families and travelers: 33 practical points from the Black Friday to New Year guide. Judge behavior, not appearance. No single sign is evidence of a plot.

SPOT THE BEHAVIOR

DHS / CISA / UK POLICE · BEHAVIOR, NOT LOOKS

01 **Filming or photographing** entrances, exits, cameras or guards beyond ordinary photos.

02 **Unusual questions** to staff about security or shift patterns.

03 **Lingering** with no reason near entrances, exits or staff-only doors.

04 **Testing doors**, entering restricted areas or posing as staff.

05 **A bag or package left behind** by someone who walks away.

06 **Hidden face or disguise** that does not fit the setting, with other signs.

07 **A vehicle** parked where it should not be, abandoned, or seen repeatedly.

08 **Talk of violence**, said or written, in person or online.

09 **The same person** seen again and again in unusual places.

CLOTHING: THREE LIMITS

A WEAK CUE, NEVER ALONE

10 **Season.** Heavy coats are normal in late November.

11 **Combination.** It counts only alongside behavior.

12 **Reliability.** Clothing cannot identify a hostile person. **Visible weapon:** leave, call 911.

UNATTENDED BAG: HOT TEST

UK POLICE CHECK

13 **Hidden? Obviously suspicious? Typical** for this place? Most are lost property. Do not touch. Tell staff.

THEFT CREWS

NO RELIABLE LOOK

14 Shop in groups, carry little cash, keep purses closed, **lock gifts in the trunk**, call 911 if followed.

TRAVEL

ABROAD AND AIRPORTS

15 Enroll in **STEP** before you leave. Check local news for protests.

16 **Extra time** at airports. Keep bags with you.

IN STORES, MALLS, MARKETS

BEFORE AND DURING

17 Note **two exits** besides the one you used.

18 **Phone down**, head up in a crowd.

19 **Front pockets** and zipped bags. Carry only the cards you need.

20 **Skip dense lines** outside doors.

21 Report **behavior, not appearance**.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS

DISTANCE FIRST

22 **Move away** from the noise, decide after.

23 **Follow police** and leave when told.

24 **Do not stop to film.** Call when safe.

CARS AND PACKAGES

LOCK, TAKE, HIDE

25 **Park in light.** Trunk before you move the car.

26 **Track deliveries**. Use a locker or hold option.

27 **Nothing visible** in the car overnight.

CARDS AND NFC

TAP-TO-PAY AND SCAMS

28 **Read the total** before you tap. Keep the receipt.

29 **Alerts on every card.** Check small charges.

30 **Never install an app** or tap your card to a phone for a caller or stranger.

31 **Type the address**. Skip links in order or bank texts.

32 **Charity?** Check Give.org. Say no, give later.

33 **Tricked?** Call your bank, then IC3 and ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING: tell venue security or call 911. Describe what you saw, where and when, not who you think someone is. Do not follow or confront. Non-urgent: 1-800-CALL-FBI or tips.fbi.gov.

Basis: DHS, CISA, FBI, UK NPSA and ProtectUK guidance, BBB and Group-IB on tap-to-pay fraud, FBI IC3 2025 report. General guidance, not a threat forecast. Full guide: commandeleven.com